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GUNDLACH FINDS CITY LOSING BIG SUMS IN TAXES

Six Utilities Companies Paid
No Tax on Franchises for
Several Years.

AMOUNTS TO \$75,000 A YEAR

City Also Suffers Loss Through
Leasing Ground to Railroads
at Figures Far Below Values.

John H. Gundlach, supervisor of assessments in St. Louis for the State Tax Commission, and former President of the City Council, has written a letter to the Post-Dispatch in which he states that in making the discovery that six large franchise-holding corporations escaped the payment of taxes to the city on their franchises, though they were taxed by the State on these franchise values for a number of years before 1914.

All the companies are now paying taxes to the city on their franchises and have done so since 1914. The laws on franchise taxation were the same before 1914 that they are now, and Gundlach says he has been unable to learn why the tax was not collected before that year. He has learned about this matter in the offices of the City Assessor and the Comptroller, but has been unable to get an explanation.

The Union Electric Co. is one of the six concerns, and Gundlach has found, by looking up the records, that it paid no tax on its franchise between 1902 and 1914. As to the other companies, he looked up the record only as far back as 1909, and learned that they had not paid the tax in that five-year period.

Gundlach estimates the tax at nearly \$75,000 a year. This is based on a 1.43 per cent tax rate applied to the following franchise values for the different companies:

Union Electric, \$5,000,000; Phoenix Light and Power Co., \$258,620; St. Louis Refrigerating and Cold Storage Co., \$100,000; Cupples Station Light and Power Co., \$100,000; National Pneumatic Tube Co., \$40,000; total, \$5,568,550.

The exact amount of the annual tax on this valuation at 1.43 per cent would be \$74,631.26.

Gundlach said the only guess he had been able to get, at the city hall, for the city's failure to collect franchise taxes from these companies is that the 5 per cent tax imposed under the Keyes ordinance, on the gross receipts of concerns using contracts was held to take the place of a franchise tax. Gundlach said he had been unable to find any legal authority for the view that the 5 per cent tax took the place of franchise taxation. Following is Mr. Gundlach's letter to the Post-Dispatch:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20, 1917.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
It is unfortunate that the Mayor should take the view that no outside advice is needed to arrive at a solution of the United Railways situation.

Practically all of the changes that have been made since the introduction of the original ordinance have been suggested by expert advice from the outside.

If St. Louis hopes to keep pace with the leaders in civic progress, the mechanic, merchant, laborer and professional man who is drafted into public service must accept advice from the student of community organization and require it.

The cities that are growing fastest and show great prosperity are the ones that have followed this thought.

When a few years ago a committee waited on the local Board of Estimates and Apportionment there was, by the statement that St. Louis did not need such advice and that the expense would be superfluous.

Failure to make a local survey of our administrative activities is costing the city hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Warnings thrown out year ago that St. Louis was slipping in its rank among cities was scoffed at, and while we, in our self-satisfied way, relied on Old Natural Advantages to make us a future great Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, and even Memphis and New Orleans, made plans and built accordingly.

The survey now being made for the Chamber of Commerce is a belated recognition that we have not made good according to prime.

While in population, our city's rank in building operations during the last five or six years has ranked anywhere from seventh to fifteenth, and Kansas City today has apparently put us out of fifth place in building operations.

It is not necessary to have surveys on the local transportation problems, but everything that pertains to the administration of our municipal affairs.

Some of the information gathered during a most casual and rather superficial examination into the revenue sources of the city

40 MORE MESSAGES OF VON LUXBURG TO BE GIVEN OUT

German Minister's Telegrams to Be Made Public by U. S. Agreement With Argentine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Some two score more of telegrams which passed between Count von Luxburg, German Minister to Argentina, and the German Foreign Office, will be made public today by the State Department by agreement with the Argentine Government, which also will publish them simultaneously at Buenos Aires.

THREE PICKPOCKETS CAUGHT ON A CROWDED STREET CAR

Try to Rob Man When Six Detectives Are Passengers on Way to Headquarters.

Passengers on a crowded Belt line street car witnessed the capture at 9 o'clock this morning of three pickpockets who made the mistake of boarding a car in which six detectives were on their way to police headquarters.

The trio caught the car at Washington avenue and as they worked their way through the crowded aisle they lost an elderly man. Their presence was observed by a detective who chased them toward the front vestibule.

The pickpockets were headed off by four detectives and in the struggle which followed the detectives were mistaken for crooks and handled roughly by other passengers before they made known their identity.

At police headquarters the prisoners were identified by photographs as Harry Neal, Joe Simons and Edward Maxwell. They arrived in St. Louis this morning, they said, and were going to leave after "making a few cars."

\$30,000 SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT THEFT IN BANK NEAR CHICAGO

Institution's Funds at Bank Unlocked; Official Says Corn Products Co. Payoff Was Insured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Robbers last night stole approximately \$30,000 from the safety deposit vaults of the State Bank of Summit, a suburb.

The money was in bills of small denominations and belonged to the Argus plant of the Corn Products Co. It was reported. None of the bank's money was touched. The robbery was discovered this morning.

H. Kilgore, president of the bank, is also vice-president of the State Bank of Lagrange, which was held up in daylight a week ago. According to Kilgore, the payroll at the Summit Bank was insured.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION NEAR NEMO, TENN.

Seventy-five Workmen Were in Shaft of Dar Dow Coal Co. at Time of Accident.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20. Eleven men were killed in an explosion at Mine No. 2 of the Dar Dow Coal and Coke Co., Catawba, near Nemo, Tenn., late yesterday afternoon, according to word reaching here today. Seventy-five men were in the mine at the time.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

TO TUNNEL SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS

Japanese Railway Board Plans 6½-Mile Structure.

TOKIO, Nov. 10.—The Government Railway Board has decided to tunnel the Shimonoseki Straits, the western outlet of the Inland Sea, says an announcement. The tidal current through the straits is unusually rapid, making navigation difficult and at times impossible to all but the most powerful steamships.

The length of the tunnel will be six and a half miles. It will be operated by electricity and will cost \$7,000,000.

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A Bona Fide "Beat!"

Without the aid of cheap city legal, free write-ups or any other artificial stimulant the POST-DISPATCH yesterday, as usual, completely dwarfed both morning and both other evening papers in volume of home-merchants' Holiday store-news. The count for Wednesday:

POST-DISPATCH alone 89 Cols.
Both morning papers combined 84 Cols.
Both other evening papers combined 78 Cols.

The POST-DISPATCH alone exceeded the Star and Times combined by 11 columns.

In National Advertising the concentration was even greater, as the POST-DISPATCH alone carried 14 columns, while all 4 of the other papers added together just did manage to make the National score a tie.

WHY?
CIRCULATION
Average for 11 months, 1917:
Sunday, 360,876 | Daily and Sunday, 193,573
92% weekday in St. Louis and Suburbs.

BRIG.-GEN. CLARK TO BE MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE

Ranking Militia Officer in Army Recently Underwent Physical Examination.

VISITING SON IN ST. LOUIS

Says He Was Given Choice of Going to Hospital, Resigning or Being Discharged.

Brigadier-General Harvey C. Clark of Nevada Mo., ranking militia officer of the army, arrived in St. Louis this afternoon to visit his son, Edward A. Clark of 5018 Raymond avenue, a Washington University art student. He told a Post-Dispatch reporter at Union Station that his continuance in the army service would depend on the findings of a recent medical and physical examination which he underwent in Washington.

Detectives investigating the theft of diamonds valued at between \$300 and \$4000 from the display window of Kennedy & Co., jewelry manufacturers, 302-304 Oriel Building, Sixth and Locust streets, were seeking the owner of an olive green telescope case.

The man who is being sought was employed by the jewelry concern and the theft was discovered when he left the building last night without his coat and hat. He went to work for Kennedy & Co. a week ago and claimed to have been employed in jewelry houses in Kansas City and other towns between here and the Pacific Coast.

At 6 o'clock last night the employee left the workshop saying that he was going to the window. His coat and hat were in his locker and his absence from the building was discovered soon after the jewelry ring was found an hour later.

Among the articles taken were two diamond studs, 24 thin diamonds, a platinum ring and a pair of earrings.

RECENTLY DISMISSED.

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KRAINIANS REJECT AN ULTIMATUM OF THE BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd Wanted to Send Troops Through Country to Suppress Kaledines' Revolt.

OSSACKS TAKE TOWN

occupy Tcheliabinsk, a Junction on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The adia, the governing body of the krai, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the Council of People's Commissioners, the Bolshevik Government.

Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

The executive council of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine cellar and shops.

The Bolshevik newspapers are complaining that the presence of the Red military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging Gen. Kaledines, leader of the counter revolution against the Maximilian Government, answering this complaint on behalf of the American military mission of which he is chief, Lieutenant-Colonel J. V. Judson says that all American officers are in Petrograd.

The Bolshevik Government two weeks ago reported that Tcheliabinsk was being besieged by forces under Gen. Duroff, hetman of the Ural Cossacks and one of the leaders of the winter revolution. The town is 360 kilometers west of Orenburg and 230 miles west of the Siberian border. The Transiberian Railroad is joined here from the north by a railroad running through Penn and Katerinburg.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximalists in November. The ultimatum referred to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviks that the adia permit its troops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt.

In its official announcement concerning the counter revolution, it was stated that the Bolshevik Government claimed that the Ukraine was aiding the Cossacks and Constitutional Democrats.

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Daughter of Former President Announces Engagement in London



MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND.

ESTHER CLEVELAND TO WED BRITISH OFFICER

Daughter of Former President Went to London in June, 1916,

To Nurse Blind Soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, to Capt. Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards.

Capt. Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been seconded with the British Expeditionary Force.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING AT EAST ALTON POWDER PLANT

An explosion at 6:40 this morning demolished the frame warehouse of the Equitable Powder Co. at its East Alton plant and caused a shock in Alton and nearby places, being felt in Edwardsville. No one was injured at the plant, according to the company's officials.

The only explanation offered by the officials was that friction in a machine might have generated a spark which caused the explosion. No estimate of the damage was made public. Tonns of powder in storage in the building were not affected.

The warehouse was a place of manufacture, not of storage, and the powder there was in a partially completed state. The building was made with a light, loosely fitting roof, so that a possible blast might vent itself upward, and this plan of construction is believed to have prevented what might otherwise have been a much heavier shock to the adjacent buildings.

At the wheelhouse it was learned the manufactured powder was regularly removed at 4 a. m., and a new grist of material was supplied, to be made into powder. Previous explosions, it was said, have occurred at about the same time in the morning.

U. S. BIOLOGICAL PLANT BURNS

Main Laboratory of Station at Fairport, Iowa, Destroyed.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 20.—The United States Government suffered a \$60,000 fire loss last night in the destruction by fire of the main laboratory at the United States biological station at Fairport, Ia.

A part of the contents of the library and museum was saved. Aside from the property loss the fire will seriously delay the progress of scientific work carried on there.

HERTENSTEIN AND UNION LABOR

BACKING UP THE RED CROSS

Chas. Hertenstein—President of the Typographical Union—has written every member of the Typographical Union—twelve hundred strong—urging them to go over the top 100% RED CROSS—memberships are coming in fast—Union Labor in other lines is asked to help make the entire city of St. Louis 100% RED CROSS.

HARRY F. KNIGHT, Chairman.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ORDNANCE MAKER BLAMES CIVILIAN BOARD FOR DELAY

Says Browning Machine Gun Was Adopted in May, but No Contracts Were Let Until July.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senate Military Committee, at a short session today, heard additional testimony regarding delays in supplying the war army with guns and ammunition.

Ordnance officers were criticised by Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, for imposing too rigid rifle specifications. Requirements for interchangeability of parts, he said, delayed production three months last summer, and he cited one private factory where last August a private factory where last August a private contractor played checkers while waiting for work held up. Government arsenal methods had also criticised, saying the Springfield arsenal had some machinery 50 years old, while many army ordnance officers, he asserted, had no special training to qualify them.

Correspondence with Secretary Baker which he produced disclosed a controversy between Colvin and Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance. The former told Secretary Baker that the arsenal officers were not qualified production engineers. Gen. Crozier said Colvin should be barred from inspecting arsenals because he insisted expert machinists and not army officers should be in charge.

MACHINE GUN DELAY. Additional testimony regarding delay in machine gun production, given by vice president B. M. W. Hanson of the Colt Arms Co. of Hartford, Conn., brought the record up to date. The gun was adopted last May, he said, no contract was made until July, although orders were anticipated and preliminary work begun.

Vice President Otterson of the Winchester company said deliveries of the Browning gun would begin within a month and reach full capacity in four months.

GUNDLACH FINDS CITY LOSING BIG SUMS IN TAXES Continued From Page One.

present facts that are startling. Glaring inequalities favorable as a rule to those well able to pay it are numerous. In one case while State and county taxes were paid on franchise valuations aggregating \$5,669,550,000, the city taxes were for only \$100,000, or one-twentieth of the revenue per square foot.

Some of the leases made by the city show a total lack of care in the preparation. In one case a lease made at \$50 per month on a basis of all the property, the value of which is paralleled by another property of equal value per square foot and 20 times the area of the former by payment of only \$100 per month, or one-twentieth of the revenue per square foot derived from the first lease.

From investigations made for a distance of five years back I find the same omissions, and in the case of one of the companies I have found that it goes back at least 10 years. It seems to me that these omitted taxes can still be collected.

MAYOR OPPOSES HIRING TRACTION FRANCHISE EXPERT

Will Vote in Board of Estimate
Against \$5000 Appropriation.

"AMOUNT INSUFFICIENT"

Says Capable Outsider Can't Be
Employed for Sum; Thinks
Engineers Here Competent.

Prisoners in Week

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Major Kiel, in a conference with the German Public Utilities Committee yesterday afternoon, expressed opposition to the bill authorizing the employment of an expert to prepare a new bill granting a franchise to the United Railways, and announced his intention of voting as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment against the appropriation of \$5000 for that purpose.

Chairman Barney L. Schwartz and members of the committee called on Mayor Kiel to get his views on the bill and, according to Chairman Schwartz, to urge its approval by the general staff at the meeting Dec. 11 the next 9000 prisoners between the rivers.

Memphis, Dec. 20.—Missouri

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of Memphis.

President Aloe of the Board of Aldermen, who also is a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, says he favors the employment of an advisor in drafting a new "compromise." He says he will vote for the appropriation at Friday's meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Comptroller Note, the third member of the board, declined to indicate whether he will give his approval to the bill. It is understood that he also opposes the plan to retain an expert.

Major Givs His Views.

Members of the Public Utilities Committee wanted to find out how I felt about the bill making the appropriation," Mayor Kiel said to a Post-Dispatch reporter after the conference. "I expressed the opinion that it would be all right if it were not for the fact that I was not obliged to sign in advance of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment how I should vote on the bill, but I gave them my views.

I don't think the amount is sufficient to accomplish the purpose the committee has in mind. It would take a long time to prepare a new bill and a good expert could not be brought here to work for two or three months for \$5000.

I don't know what other members of the Board of Estimate think of the appropriation. I have heard that Comptroller Note will support it, but he has not talked to me. I discussed the subject with Comptroller Note today, but he did not indicate what he would do.

After this statement by Mayor Kiel, Comptroller Note was asked whether he had spoken to Mayor Kiel concerning the bill.

No, I haven't spoken to the Mayor," Note said.

Thinks Expert Unnecessary.

"I don't agree with the Public Utilities Committee that an expert is necessary," Mayor Kiel said, in the course of his statement. "We have good experts in St. Louis, as can be found anywhere. Mr. Smith, the city's consulting engineer, is equal to any expert in the country. That way, we have Mr. President Kinsey and Directors Talbert and Hooke of the Board of Public Service. They are pretty good engineers. I thought so when I appointed them and I still think so."

The amount the committee wants appropriated is not enough for a start. For these reasons, when the matter comes before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment Friday I shall vote against it."

A question as to whether he was opposed to the appropriation because it was not large enough or to the plan of obtaining expert assistance, Mayor Kiel replied that "the only matter before the Board of Estimate will be the bill for \$5000."

Chairman Schwartz said after the conference that six of the seven members of the Public Utilities Committee favor the appropriation. "We went in good faith to Mayor Kiel, telling him that no expert ordinance can be drawn without such help," Schwartz said. "If we can't get this assistance the pending bill with some amendment is all that can be drafted, and I don't think that will be suitable."

Alderman Schwartz said that none of the members of the Board of Public Service had been asked or volunteered to help the committee prepare a bill.

Specialists Needed.

President Kinsey, Director Hooke and Director Talbert are doubtless good engineers, but they are not specialists in franchises and I don't think they could be of much service to us," Alderman Schwartz said. "We ought to have someone who is familiar with big problems such as that with which we are dealing."

The bill had its second reading in the Board of Aldermen last Friday and was then sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. As it contemplates an appropriation the charter provided that before it can finally be passed it must have the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mayor Kiel and Comptroller Note are a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and if their votes are adverse, the bill will be killed.

It is pointed out to the city hall that it would be good strategy on the part of those who want to see "Ordinance No. 2" or its equivalent, to pretend to favor the employment of an expert and then, after the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has defeated the plan, give that as an excuse for supporting the kind of settlement the United Railways and Mayor Kiel's administration want.

Humor From the Trenches

Drawn by Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather of the British Army in Flanders.



Reproduced from his book, "Bullets and Bullets."

Bairnsfather Tells of His First Leave and His Journey Back to London

Amazed to Find Himself, After a Few Days at Home, Eager to Get Back to the Hardships of Trench Life.

By CAPT. BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER,
Of the British Army in Flanders.

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CHAPTER XIX.

That Leaves Train—My Old Pal—London and Home—The Call of the Wild. ONE wants to have been at the front, in many nasty parts, to appreciate fully what getting seven days' leave feels like. We used to have to be out at the front for three consecutive months before being entitled to this privilege. I had passed this necessary apprenticeship, and now had actually got my leave.

The morning after getting my leave, so it would have been rather a structures I rose early and packed, dirty trick after all.

We got to the village with aching

arms and souvenirs intact. I got my pass, and together with another officer, went for the station. It was a leave train. Officers from all sorts of different battalions were either in it or going to get in, either here or at the next stop.

Having no wish to get that station into trouble or myself either, by mentioning its name, I will call it Creme de Menthe. It was the same rotten little place I had arrived at. It is only because I am trying to sell the "station master" a copy of this book that I call the place a station at all. It really is a decomposing collection of half-hearted buildings and moss-grown rails, with an apology for a platform at one side.

We caught the train with an hour to spare. You can't miss trains in France; there's too much margin allowed on the time table. The 10:15 leaves at 11:30, the 11:45 at 2:20, and so on. So if you did miss your train, you could always catch it up about two fields away, so there's nothing to worry about.

We started. I don't know what time it was.

If you turn up the word "locomotion" in a dictionary you will find it means "the act or power of moving from place to place;" from locus, a place, and motion, the act of moving.

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PUBLICATIONS.

Two Dollar Wheat Talks Loud

Out in the inland Empire of the Pacific Northwest the five and ten thousand acre ranches are getting ready for world-feeding crops in 1918.

War Wheat Plungers

by Randall Howard, tells of this hundred-mile wheatfield-run by tractors and managed by business men—where a thousand acres is a small farm.

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THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES AFTER TAXI HITS HER

Miss Mary Reedy, Mail Clerk at Planters, Seventieth Person Killed by Auto This Year.

Miss Mary Reedy, 23 years old, of 421 Terry avenue, employed at the Planters Hotel to handle its mail, was knocked down at Grand Avenue and Forest Park boulevard at 8 o'clock last night by a taxicab. She died an hour later at the city hospital. Her death was the seventieth automobile fatality in St. Louis this year.

James L. McDonald of 3921 Delmar boulevard, driver of the taxi, was arrested. He told the police Miss Reedy had stepped in front of the taxi when crossing Grand Avenue after alighting from a southbound street car. He was released on bond.

Miss Reedy's skull was fractured. She was identified through dentist's receipt in her hand bag. She resided with her brother, William Reedy, and a brother-in-law, Joseph Flynn.

Three Men and Boy Injured by Autos in Day.

Three men and a boy were knocked down and injured by automobiles yesterday.

Louis E. Schnute, 57 years old, of 5180 Page boulevard, was knocked down in front of his home by an automobile driven by Sigmund M. Bass, an attorney of 4418 Forest Park boulevard. He was cut on the head.

Thomas McKeon, 60 years old, of 1968 Clara avenue, was hit by an automobile driven by Henry Bensky, 4046A Cote Brilliante avenue, at Clara and Washington avenues. He was cut on the nose and scalp. Bensky was arrested.

Lloyd Lathby, 3 years old, of 2107 Franklin avenue, was knocked down at Twenty-second street and Franklin avenue by an automobile driven by George J. Kies, 2236 Shenandoah avenue. He was cut on the face.

Michael Ward, a street sweeper, 90 years old, of 1403 South Ewing avenue, was knocked down at Seventeenth and Locust streets by an automobile driven by Conrad Bues, 807 North Forty-first street, East St. Louis. His left leg was broken and several of his ribs were fractured. He was taken to the city hospital. Bues was arrested.

14 BRITISH VESSELS OF MORE THAN 1600 TONS SUNK IN WEEK

Three Under That Tonnage Destroyed, Making Losses Slightly Below Those of Last Week.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the Admiralty statement issued last night. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The losses are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15, were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1600 tons was sunk, none over 1600 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

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Shelter Hut Built for Soldiers.

A Y. M. C. A. shelter hut for soldiers was erected in nine hours yesterday by 100 soldiers at Twentieth and Eugenia streets, near Union Station.

The hut was arranged for by the Railroad Y. M. C. A. and will accommodate about 300 men.

WHEN YOU REMEMBER BABY'S Health—remember Father John's Medicine is safe for children's coughs.

LADY.

USEFUL XMAS GIFTS AT THE ELECTRIC SHOP

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Electric Motors.....65c

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ELECTRIC TRANS., TOYS and MOTORS - ALL SIZES.

SCOTT TRIES TO PAY FOR THE COAL HE SOLD

State Treasurer Refuses to Accept \$259, Which Then Is Deposited in Bank.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 20.—John W. Scott, who was ousted as Commissioner of Permanent Seal of Government after the Post-Dispatch had discovered and published the fact that he had been selling State coal to politicians, for which the State never received any money, yesterday tried to pay \$259 to State and smaller lots given in the following table:

COAL PRICES FIXED FOR TON AND SMALLER LOTS

Bushel Price for Standard and Mt. Olive Grades \$0 and \$2 Cents Respectively for 80 Pounds.

The St. Louis Fuel Committee, in co-operation with State Fuel Administrator Crossley, yesterday fixed the price of coal in one ton and less than one ton lots. The bushel price of the Standard and Mt. Olive grades was established at 20 and 32 cents respectively for a bushel of 80 pounds.

The committee agreed that the prices fixed last Saturday for the five grades of soft coal largely used, would apply to sales of two tons and over. These prices are: Standard district, \$5 a ton; Mt. Olive district, \$2.25; Duquoin district, \$5.50; Cartherville district, \$5.75, and Big Muddy district, \$6.25. The basic for ton and smaller lots is given in the following table:

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**BAIRNSFATHER TELLS
OF HIS FIRST LEAVE
AND TRIP TO LONDON**

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Our engine had got the locus part all right, but was rather weak about the motion. We creaked and squeaked about up the moss-grown track, and groaned our way back into

the station time after time, in order to tie on something else behind the train, or to get on to a siding to let a trainload of trench floorboards and plumb and apple jangla past the line. When at last we really started, it was about at the speed of the "Rocket" on its trial trip.

Our enthusiastic "going on leave" ardor was severely tested, and nearly

broke down before we reached Boulogne, which we did late that night. But getting there and trudging with the leaving crowd which thronged the buffet, made up for all traveling shortcomings. Every variety of officer and army official was represented there. There were Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, quantities of private soldiers, sergeants and corporals, hospital nurses, and various other people employed in some war capacity or other. Representatives from every branch of the army, in fact, whose turn for leave had come.

I left the buffet for a moment to go across to the Transport Office, and walking along through the throng ran into my greatest friend.

A most extraordinary chance this!

I had not the least idea whereabout in France he was, or when he might likely be given leave. His job was in quite a different place, 10 miles

from the Doubs. I have known him for many years; we were at school together, and have always seemed to have the lucky knack of bobbing up to the surface simultaneously without prior arrangement. This meeting sent my spirits up higher than ever. We both adjourned to the buffet, and talked away about our various experiences to the accompaniment of cold chicken and ham. A merry scene truly, that buffet—everyone filled with thoughts of England. Nearly everyone there must have stepped out of the same sort of mud and danger bath that I had. And the next word! It is a first-class feeling, sitting above water for the boat when you know you've earned this seven days' leave. You hear men on all sides getting the last ounce of appreciation out of the unique sensation by saying such things as, "Fancy those poor blighters, sitting in the mud up there; they'll be just about getting near 'Stand to' now."

The World's Worst Sailor.

You rapidly dismiss a momentary flash in your mind of what it's going to be like in that buffet on the return journey.

Early in the morning, and while it was still dark, we left the harbor and plowed out into the darkness and the sea towards England.

I claim the honored position of the world's worst sailor. I have covered several thousand miles on the sea, "brooked the briny" as far as India and Canada. I have been hurtled about on the largest Atlantic waves; yet I am, and always will remain, absolutely impossible at sea. Looking at the docks out of the hotel window never seems to me to be: there's something about a ship that takes the stuffing out of me completely. Whether it's that horrible pale varnished woodwork, mingled with the smell of stuffy upholstery, or whether it's that nauseating whiff from the open hatch of the engine room, I don't know; but once on a ship I am as naught * * * notnaught.

Of course the Channel was going to be rough. I could see that at a glance. I know exactly what to do about the sea now. I go straight to a bunk, and hope for the best; if no bunk—bide the steward until there is one.

I got a bunk, deserted my friend in a cheerless way, and retired till the crossing was over. It was very rough. * * *

In the cold gray hours we glided into Dover or Folkestone (I was too anemic to care which) and fastened up alongside the wharf. I had a dim recollection of getting my pal to hold my pack as we left Boulogne, and now I could see neither him nor the pack. Fearful crush struggling up the gangway. I had to scramble for a seat in the London train, so couldn't waste time looking for my friend. I had my haversack—he had my pack.

In Luxurious England.

The train moved off, and now here we all were, back in clean, fresh, luxurious England, gliding along in an English train towards London. It's worth doing months and months of trenches to get that buoyant, electrical sensation of passing along through English country on one's way to London on leave.

I spent the train journey thinking over what I should do during my seven days. Then after I mentally conjured up the forthcoming performance of catching the train at Paddington and gliding out of the shadows of the huge station into the sunlit country beyond—the rapid express journey down home, the drive out from the station, back in my own land again!

We got into London in pretty quick time, and I rapidly converted my dreams into facts.

Still in the same old trench clothes, with a goodly quantity of Flanders mud attached, I walked into Paddington station, and collared a seat in the train on Number 1 platform. Then, collecting a quantity of papers and magazines from the book stalls, I prepared myself for enjoying to the full the two hours' journey down home.

I spent a gorgeous week in Warwickshire, during which time my friend came along down to stay a couple of days with me, bringing my missing pack and myself with him. He had had the joy of carrying it laden with shell cases across London, and taking it down with him to somewhere near Aldershot, and finally bringing it to me without having kept any of the contents. * * * Such is a true friend.

Anxious to Return to Trenches.

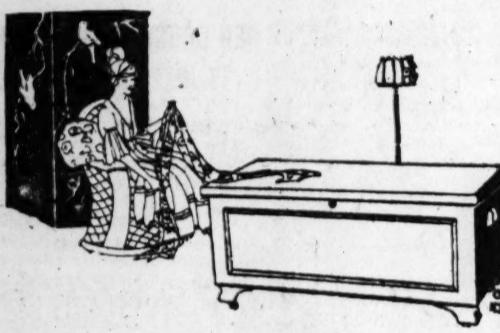
As this book deals with my wanderings in France I will not go into details of my happy seven days' leave. I now resume at the point where I was due to return to France. In spite of the joys of England as opposed to life in Flanders, yet a curious phenomenon presented itself at the end of my leave. I was anxious to get back. Strange, but true. Somehow one felt that slogging away out in the dismal fields of war was the best thing to do. If someone had offered me a nice, safe, comfortable job in England, I wouldn't have taken it, and claim no credit for this feeling of mine. I know everyone has the same. That buccaneering, rough and tumble life out there

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Hens Young, well fed, per lb., 28c | RIB or LOIN PORK ROAST 25c | FRESH CALIF. SHOULDERS 23c

Rib Roast Good quality, tender, per lb., 20c | RIB or LOIN PORK ROAST 25c | FRESH CALIF. SHOULDERS 23c

Chuck Roast Good quality, tender, per lb., 16c | RIB or LOIN PORK ROAST 25c | FRESH CALIF. SHOULDERS 23c

Rabbits Skinned, fat, 2 for 35c | Bacon Whole or half side, per lb., 36c | SALAMI, per lb., 30c

Fresh LINE SAUSAGE or SAUSAGE MEAT, 25c | POTTED MEAT Ham flavor, 4 tins, 15c

OLIVE OIL 20c | POTTED MEAT Ham flavor, 4 tins, 15c

DELICIOUS PINEAPPLE 22c | STRAWBERRIES 25c

PEACHES 17c | APRICOTS 25c | CHERRIES 14c

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**BAIRNSFATHER TELLS
OF HIS FIRST LEAVE
AND TRIP TO LONDON**

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has its attractions. The spirit of adventure is in most people, and the desire and will to biff the Boches is in everyone, so there you are. I drifted back via London, Dover

and Boulogne, and thence up the same old stagnant line to Creme de Menthe. Once more back in the land of mud, bullets, billets and star shells.

It was the greyest of grey days when I arrived at my one-horse terminus. I got out at the "station," and had a solitary walk along the empty, muddy lanes, back to the Transport Farm.

Plodding along in the thin rain that was falling I thought of home, London, England, and then of the job before me. Another three months at least before any further chance of leave could come my way again. Evening was coming on. Across the flat, somber country I could see the tall, swaying poplar trees standing near the farm. Beyond lay the

rough and rugged road which led to the Douve trenches.

How nice that leave had been!

Tonight I should be going

along back to the trenches before Wulverghem.

CHAPTER XX.

Back from Leave—"That Blinkin' Moon"—Johnnie Oles—Tommy and Rightfulness.

I had expected the battalion were just finishing their last days out in rest billets, and were going "in" the following night.

Reaction from leave set in for me with unprecedented violence. It was horrible weather, pouring with rain all the time, which made one's depression worse.

Leave over; rain, rain, rain;

trenches again, and the future looked like being perpetually the same, or perhaps worse. Yet, somehow or other, in these times of deep depression which come to everyone now and again, I cannot help smiling. It has always struck me as an amusing thing that the world, and all the human beings thereon, do get themselves into such curious and painful predicaments, and then spend the rest of the time wishing they could get out.

My reflections invariably brought me to the same conclusion, that here I was, caught up in the cogs of this immense, uncontrollable war machine, and like everyone else had to, and meant to stick it out to the end.

The next night we went through all the approved formulas for going into the trenches. Started at dusk, and got into our respective mud cavities a few hours later. I went all round the trenches again, looking to see that things were the same as when I left them, and, on the Colonel's instructions, started a series of alterations in several gun positions.

There was one trench that was so obscured along its front by odd stumps of trees that I decided the only good spot for a machine gun was right at one end, on a road which led up to Messines. From here it would be possible for us to get an excellent field of fire. To have this gun on the road meant making an emplacement there somehow. This night we started working at it, and the next evening began work on it. It was a bright moonlight night. I, remember, and my Sergeant and I went out in front of our parapet, walked along the field and crept up the ditch a little way, considering the machine-gun possibilities of the land. That moonlight feeling is very curious. You feel as if the enemy can see you clearly, and that all eyes in the opposite trench are turned on you. You can almost imagine a Boche smilingly taking an aim, and saying to a friend, "We'll just let him come a bit closer first." Everyone who has had to go "out in front" wiring, will know this feeling. As a matter of fact, it is astonishing how little one can do in moonlight. Even moonlight, even when the trenches are close together. One gets quite used to walking about freely in this light, going out in front of the parapet and having a look round. The only time that really makes one apprehensive is when some gang of men or other turn up from way back somewhere, and have come to assist in some operation near the enemy. They, being unfamiliar with the caution needed, and unappreciative of what it's like to have neighbors who "hate" you 60 yards away, generally bring trouble in their wake by one of the party shouting out in a deep bass or a shrill soprano, "Ere, chuck up the 'anner, 'Arry," or something like that, following the remark up with a series of Vulcan-like blows on top of an iron post. Result: three star shells roar out into the frosty air, and a burst of machine gun fire skims over the top of your head.

Targets for Heavy Shells.

We made a very excellent and strong emplacement on the road, and used it henceforth. I had a lot of bother with one gun in those trenches, which was placed at the head of the left-hand end of the whole line. I had been obliged to fire on the trench, as it was very necessary for dominating certain roads. But when I took the place over from the previous battalion, I thought there might be difficulties about this gun position, and there were. The night before we had made our inspection of these trenches, a shell had landed right on top of the gun emplacement and had "blasted" the whole concern, unfortunately killing two of the gun section belonging to the former battalion. For some reason or other that end of our line was always being shelled. Just in the same way as they plunked shells daily into St. Yvon, so they did here. Each morning, with hardly ever a miss, they shelled our trenches, but almost invariably in the same place; the left-hand end. The difference between St. Yvon and this place was, however, that here they always shelled with "heavies." Eight bags at the Douve farm a mile away, the thundering crash of one of these shells would rattle all the windows and make one say, "Where did that one go?"

All round that neighborhood it seemed to have been the fashion, past and present, to use the largest shells. In going along the Douve one day, I made a point of measuring and examining several of the holes, I took a photograph of one, with my cap resting on one side of it, to show the relative proportion and give an idea of the size. It was about fourteen feet in diameter, and seven feet deep. The largest shell hole I have ever seen was over 20 feet in diameter and about twelve feet deep. The largest hole I have seen made by an implement of war, though not by gun or a mortar, was larger still, and the size was colossal. I refer to a hole made by one of our own mortars, but regret that I did not measure it. Round about our farm were a series of holes of immense size, showing clearly the ordnance which that farm had incurred, and was incurring; but, whilst I was in it, nothing came in through the roof or walls. I have learned that that old farm is no more, having been shelled out of existence. All my sketches on those plaster walls form part of a

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slack heap, surrounded by a moat.

Well, this persistent shelling of the left-hand end of our trenches meant a persistent readjustment of our parapets, and putting things back again. Each morning the Boches would knock things down and each evening we would put them up again. Our soldiers are only amused by this procedure. Their humorously cynical outlook at the

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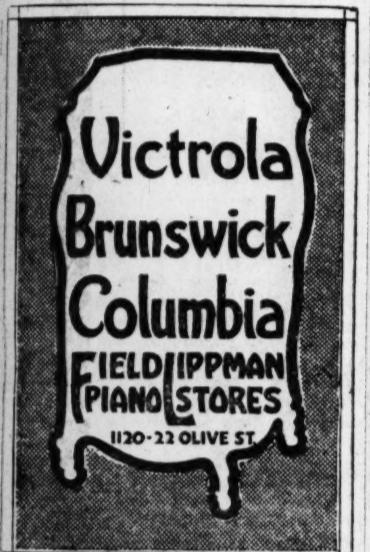
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harp virtuoso of the Chicago Sym-
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cert of the Chaminade Club at Wel-
ster Groves.

Martial vigor pealed out in such
numbers as Tedeschi's "Patrouille,"
with its stirring bugle calls, and Has-
selmans' "La Source," a scintillating
show piece. There was an energetic
scampas, "Au di la mer," of
Tramonti's own composition. But the
dainty traits of the harp were not
neglected, as witness Oberthur's
"Euphore," and Godfrid's "Harp-
Eoleme," and "Minuet." The large
audience awarded numerous encores.

The club of about 60 women
displayed remarkable freshness
of tone quality, much volume when
ever it was required, and genuine
enthusiasm for their work. Among
the more effective numbers were
Lester's "A Song of the Flag," "Al-
lah's Holiday" by Primi, and "A Song
of Chrystomass" by Branscombe. If
"The Swan," by Saint-Saens, an at-
tempt to turn this well-known composition
into a chorus, was less suc-
cessful, it was because it was origi-
nally written for instruments. The
same may be said of "Woodland
Sprites," a vocal version of Nicola's
overture, "The Merry Wives of
Windsor."

The feature of the club's numbers
was the directing of Lee C. Miller,
a St. Louisan, who knew exactly
what effects he wanted and set
out to obtain them by downright and
vigorous methods. Here is a young
man, a student of conducting under
the famous Arthur Nikisch, who de-
serves and some day will have a
larger field. He is a pianist, trained
by Rudolph Ganz and Feruccio Busoni,
and is head of the music de-
partment of Lindenwood College, at
St. Charles.

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Bocche temper renders them im-
pervious to anything the Germans
can ever do or think of. Their out-
look towards a venomous German
attempt to do something "fright-
ening" is very similar to a
large and powerful nurse dealing
with a fractious child—sort of
"Now, then, Master Prankie, you
mustn't kick and scream like that."

One can almost see a group of
stolid, unimaginative, non-humorous
Germans, taking all things with
their ridiculous seriousness, sending
off their shells and pulling hateful
faces at the same time. You can
see our men sending over a real
stiff, quieting answer, with a sport-
ing twinkling in the eye, perhaps jokingly
remarking, as a shell is pushed
into the gun, "Ere's one for their
Officer's Mess, Bert."

On several evenings I had to go
round and arrange for the recon-
struction of the ruined parapet or
squashed-in dugouts. It was dur-
ing one of these little episodes that
I felt the spirit of my drawing.
"There goes our blinking parapet
again, which will hold some time later."
never went about thinking for ideas
for drawings; the whole business of
the war seemed to come before me
in a series of pictures. Jokes used
to stick out of all the horrible dis-

comfort, something like the points
of a harrow would stick into you if
you slept on it.

I used to visit all the trenches and
look up the various company com-
manders and platoon commanders
in the same way as I did at St.
Yvon. I got a splendid idea of all
the various ways from one part of it
to another. As I walked back to
the Douve farm at night, nearly al-
ways alone, I used to keep on ex-
ploring the wide tract of land that
lay behind our trenches. They are all very much
alike, these houses in Flanders; all
seem to contain the same mangled
remains of simple, homely occupa-
tions. Strings of onions, old straw

hats, and clogs, mixed with an as-
sortment of cheap clothing, with per-
haps here and there an umbrella or
a top hat. That is about the class
of stuff one found in them. After
one of these expeditions I would
return the next night with a candle-
end, and make an examination of the
whole thing. They are all very much
alike, these houses in Flanders; all
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Designer Dies When Dining.
While dining at her home yester-
day evening, Mrs. Aimee W. Nacks of
611 Berlin avenue, buyer and de-
signer of costumes for the Scruggs-

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cumbed to heart trouble. Mrs. Nacks,
who was 51 years old, was widely
known as a designer of gowns. She
is survived by a daughter, Miss Hat-
tie Nacks.

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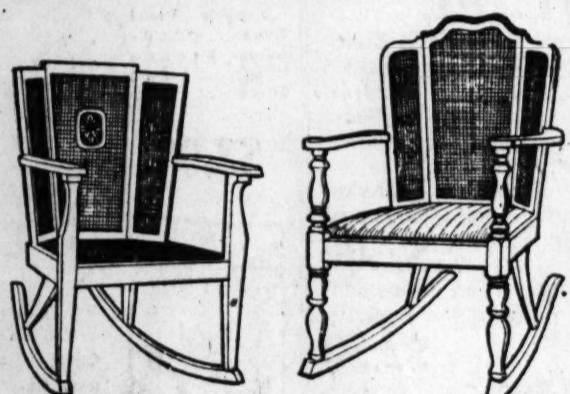
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As a grand finale to one of the heaviest seasons we have ever enjoyed, we offer these feature values while present stocks last.

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ST. LOUIS**TRIAL IN FEBRUARY FOR MEN CHARGED WITH DISLOYALTY**

Chief Indictments Are Those of H. B. Krenning, H. S. Turner, C. J. Henninger and A. H. Steinbeck.

FIRST PROMINENT CASES

Former President of Dorris Motor Co. Alleged to Have Said President Was Traitor.

The first Friday in February the United States District Court has been set aside for beginning the trials of men indicted by the last Federal grand jury under the Espionage Act, chief among whom are Henry B. Krenning, Harry S. Turner, Charles J. Henninger and A. H. Steinbeck, editor of a newspaper at Union, Mo.

Attention is attracted to the proceedings in these cases largely because they are the first to come up in the St. Louis district in which men of some prominence are charged with disloyalty.

Of all the disloyalty cases pending, it is expected those against Krenning and Turner will be the hardest fought. Krenning, who was president of the Dorris Motor Car Co., and resides at 5157 Waterman avenue, was arrested in the Orpheum Theater Oct. 29 on complaint of two United States revenue officers, who said Krenning refused to stand when the orchestra played "The Star-Spangled Banner," and that when a picture of President Wilson was shown on the screen, Krenning exclaimed in a loud voice: "There's a real traitor."

Indictment Was Returned.

An indictment against Krenning was returned by the Federal grand jury Nov. 28, and although Krenning was under bond given at the time of his arrest, no caps for his arrest under the indictment was issued immediately, as is the custom. When indictments are returned the Judge places them in the custody of the United States District Attorney to issue the capias.

When District Attorney Oliver was asked by a Post-Dispatch reporter following Krenning's indictment why he was not rearrested under the indictment, Oliver replied that Krenning was entertaining several guests at a house party at his country home in Arcadia. He said he had promised Krenning's attorney the arrest would be delayed until after the party, so Krenning would not be embarrassed before his guests. The only attorney who has appeared in court for Krenning is Jephtha D. Howe, well-known Republican politician.

Krenning appeared before United States Commissioner Mitchell Dec. 8 and gave bond, 10 days after the indictment.

The Case of Turner.

Turner is editor of "Much Ado," an occasional publication. His indictment Nov. 28 followed a period of indecision in the District Attorney's office as to whether his case should be presented to the grand jury before its early winter adjournment.

In Turner's case there was a delay in making the arrest similar to that in the Krenning case. Although Turner and his attorney knew of the indictment soon after it was returned, it did not become public until Dec. 6, when Turner himself told of it. He is charged with having sent obscene matter through the mails and with violation of the espionage act.

The alleged violations were contained in printed proofs of an article and editorial written by Turner, ostensibly for publication in "Much Adoo," and sent through the mail.

The alleged violation of the espionage act consisted of statements that "this is a war for hypocrites, plutocrats and degenerates," and that "this Government has not a chance to win this war."

Henninger, who is editor of the St. Louis County Herald at Wellston, long has been active in affairs in St. Louis County. The charge against him now comes out of the publication of an article about the war written by A. Jablonsky, a florist of Olivette, St. Louis County. Henninger said he did not read the article before its publication, and that if he had he would not have published it.

Steinbeck is publisher of the Union (Mo.) Republican Headlight. A charge of disloyalty against him is based on an editorial published in his paper. He said he had no thought of disloyalty or of attempting to interfere with the draft law, and that he had taken the editorial in substance from a St. Louis newspaper.

The disloyalty cases which will come up early in February, in addition to those mentioned, are against William Frederick Wehmeyer, Christian Lohmann, G. C. Dalton, Wilhelm Stremmel, Philip Heimberger, Emil Albrecht and William Fredrick Bernhardt.

Three Cases Disposed Of.

Only three disloyalty cases have been disposed of in the Federal Court in St. Louis to date.

Louis Busch entered a plea of guilty Dec. 13 to making disloyal remarks, and was sentenced by Judge Dyer to serve 60 days in jail, the sentence dating from Nov. 15, the day of his arrest. His only plea for leniency was that he was intoxicated and did not know whether he had made the remarks charged.

Arno B. Palme entered a plea of guilty Nov. 1. He told the Eleventh Ward Exemption Board that he would not fight if put in the army, that he was a Socialist and opposed

to war. Judge Dyer sentenced Palme to serve 10 weeks in jail, but applied to this 10 weeks Palme was in jail before the sentence, thus relieving him of further punishment.

The only penitentiary sentence imposed was on Thomas Carnell, a salesman at 2712 Caroline street. Carnell at a word meeting of Socialists Aug. 23 delivered a speech from the steps of the Rose Training School, saying that a drafted man need not serve in the army, and that he would be a fool if he did serve. Carnell was convicted by a jury and sentenced by Judge Dyer to serve two years in the penitentiary.

United States District Attorney Oliver was not in his office Tuesday afternoon or yesterday morning when a Post-Dispatch reporter sought him for a statement as to whether his office would be prepared to proceed with the pending cases when the trial day arrived. Attaches of his office said they did not know where he was or when he would be in.

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ST. CHARLES ICE BRIDGE UNSAFE

The St. Charles ice bridge, which was formed a week ago by the freezing of the Missouri River, is unsafe now and St. Charles is cut off from St. Louis. The ice was found to be weakening yesterday. "Danger" placards were put up. For several

days the ice bridge had been used by pedestrians and automobiles traveling the National highway, and the St. Charles Electric Express Co. used a sleigh transfer system.

The town is cut off, except for railroad traffic, by the highway

bridge being uncompleted and the ferry being unable to run. Work on the reconstruction of the highway bridge, which was destroyed by fire Sept. 27, 1916, is being pushed and with favorable weather it should be finished in a few days.

The Palace, 516 Washington Avenue, open every evening until Christmas.

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\$100 Cash
Buy Now
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Pay Later

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TAKE advantage of these low prices and save money on useful sensible gifts which are gifts. Why shop around when you can buy ALL your gifts here, charge them all on one account and make another for them. Note these big bargains.

\$1.00 Cash—\$1.00 a Week

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\$2.00 a Week Diamond Cluster Ring—each ring \$1.00. Diamonds set in white gold in big stones—14-k. ring—\$14. \$14

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Accurate time-keeper—leather strap—just the thing for soldiers and sailors. Their value for..... \$14.50

\$1.00 a Week Genuine Diamond Ring—very brilliant—14-k. solid gold ring—a bargain at \$9.50

\$1.00 a Week Ladies' Diamond Ring—brilliant diamonds set in platinum—stone—14-k. ring—a real bargain at \$49. \$49

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\$1.00 a Week Genuine Diamond Ring—blue and white—solid gold—\$60.00 value..... \$54

\$1.00 a Week Ladies' Diamond Ring—brilliant diamonds set in platinum—stone—14-k. ring—\$10.00 value..... \$34

\$1.00 a Week Diamond Ring—cut diamond—solid gold—\$60.00 value..... \$54

\$1.00 a Week Ladies' Diamond Ring—one large, red, cameo with beautiful diamonds—ring is solid gold—worth \$26. \$26

\$1.00 a Week Beautiful Diamond Ring—la Vallerie—the latest in size—diamonds with red leather and neck chain—\$15. \$15 value..... \$55

\$1.00 a Week Solid Gold Star Ring—just the gift for your soldier or sailor boy—\$10.00 value..... \$10

\$1.00 a Week Gents' Ruby Ring—something new—large, fine ruby set in a massive gold ring—also comes in all birth stones—\$10. \$10 value..... \$10

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We will accept Liberty Bonds in payment of merchandise or services rendered.

\$55.00 for \$50.00 Bonds

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\$25.00 Taupe Manchurian Wolf Sets. \$16.75

\$49.50 Genuine Taupe Fox Sets.... \$33.75

Only a limited quantity in each of these two lots.

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Sets of exceptional beauty and quality in rich shades of brown and taupe.

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\$22.50 Hudson Seal Muffs..... \$14.75	\$35.00 Jap Kolinsky Muffs..... \$14.75

FINEST FURS REDUCED! **\$95.00 to \$125.00 Hudson Seal Stoles... \$69.50**

\$115.00 to \$125.00 Finest Fox Sets.... \$79.50

\$295.00 to \$350.00 Hudson Seal Coats... \$195.00

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Black, Taupe and Brown. Rich, silky fox Scarfs of the highest quality; all are elegantly lined and finished.

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50 Calamine, 100 grs., 14c
50 Red Cross Cough Drops, 5 for 14c
50 Pineapple Oil, 14c
50 Ladanine Tooth Paste, 14c
50 Lanolin, 14c
50 Steamer Wine of G. J. O., 14c
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50 Zinc Perfume, 14c
50 Almond Oil, 14c
50 Trusses, \$1.25 to \$2.50. Also Abdominal Belts and Elastic Hosiers.

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Wm. K. Karp 25 E. D. Dings 25

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John Karp 25 Fred. Karp 25

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W. J. Kaffron 1 00 J. J. Fourster 25

W. Roman 1 00 Total 1 00

Lola Peters 1 00 Total \$10 00

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J. R. Kimball \$1 00 M. W. Linstrum 25

Mrs. Kervin 25 Fred. Karp 25

W. C. Cervenka 25 Herm. Clauen 25

W. L. Breitbach 10 Total 35 00

M. Meyer 25

E. J. Goodwin Pharmacy, 3517 Pine.

Cash 25 Cash 2 00

M. E. H. 1 00 Total 36 00

Nash Smith Tea & Coffee Co. 918

North Sixth.

M. E. Smith \$2 00 G. A. Nash 25

George A. Nash 25 Max Stein 25

Patrick Flood 1 00 J. J. Klemper 25

John Karp 25 Fred. Karp 25

H. Obermeier 25 Total 50

J. E. Eschbacher 25 Total 50

Samuels Shoe Co. 1410 Washington.

H. L. Kimball 10 Total 10

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Alma Robertson 25 Grace Levedy 25

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N. C. McGuire \$2 00 P. F. Duffy 25

Reina Haas 25 Total 44 00

E. L. Hayes 1 00 Total 1 00

Missouri Belting Co. Grand and La

Cash \$1 Cash 25

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King-Brimmade Mercantile Co. 1701

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Employees 10 00

Mutual Aid Society 10 00 Total 20 00

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I. E. Fisher, Boatmen's Bank Bldg.

Olive Honauer \$2 00 L. E. Fischer 200

Alice Pickles 2 00 Total 200

W. L. Murphy 2 00 Total 200

Brown's Business College, 5706

Boston.

Elva M. Har-

kins \$1 00 Mary Dwyer 25

Elmer 25 Total 25

Elmo 25 Total 25

Elois 25 Total

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New Faust Bay, Delmar and De Balliviere.

A. H. Woods... \$0 25 Atley Harwood... 10
Ben Major... 10 Elmer Reed... 10
R. Ridgley... 10 George Dennis... 15
Wm. Baugh... 10 H. C. Johnson... 15
C. P. Connally... 25 Little Worley... 15
Mrs. Baugh... 10 G. R. Wending... 15
Mrs. Emma... 10 G. R. Schoen... 25
Dietz... 10 G. R. Schon... 25
Mrs. B. Edwards... 25 John Goodman... 10
Mabel Rider... 10 Harry... 10
Martha Mc-... 10 Al Reisenleiter... 15
Margie... 10 A. Ross... 25
Nora Stephens... 10 Myrtle Gardner... 15
Bertha Hoy... 25 Total... \$4 10

Western Fur Co., 803 Washington.
Western Fur Co. \$0 00 O. Pohlmann... 10
Leo Schwarz... 25 Mrs. Lucas... 10
John E. Rodemiller... 25 Total... \$1 70

Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland,

Pierce Building.

Mark Crowley... \$1 00 Nelson Many... 50
Norbert Kreil... 25 J. Arthur Cor... 100
Cash... 100
R. W. Sellers... 50 G. R. Wendling... 100
G. R. Schoen... 25 C. Gondall... 50 H. A. Smolik... 15
H. J. January... 50 D. Kirch... 100 H. F. Taylor... 15
M. Brink... 25 E. S. Todd... 100 H. F. Taylor... 15
Walsh... 25 Harry... 100 Total... \$3 50
HARRY Collier... 25

Globe Tire Sales Co., 1413 Pine Street.

Globe

Owner... \$1 to B. A. Scollay... 10
T. T. Marx... 50 Total... \$2 50

Associated Laundry Owners of St.

Louis.

410 North Twelfth.

H. E. Suhs... \$1 00 Elsie Brookhoff... 25
Total... \$1 25

Union Clothing Co., 125 Locust Street.

Union

W. M. McFadden... \$0 50 A. Unruh... 50
J. B. Moyer... 25 Vernon Wells... 100
J. L. Lawrence... 100 Total... \$9 00
O. Gumpert... 50 Leo Oehrtan... 25
Total... \$1 25

Mendenhall Motor Co., 2315 Locust.

Menden

E. B. Haister... \$0 50 Clarence Heffner... 10
W. H. Clark... 10 T. Ferguson... 10
L. C. Nichols... 10 E. H. Bennett... 25
A. Gifts... 50 Total... \$2 50

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Total... \$1 25

Jno. J. Meier & Co., 200 Market St.

Jno. J. Meier

E. G. Smyth... 25 H. A. Weis Jr... 10
W. H. Stover... 25 H. H. Ferguson... 10
J. B. Moyer... 25 C. H. Baker... 10
J. L. Lawrence... 100 Total... \$9 00
Leo Oehrtan... 25 Total... \$1 25

Helvedia Milk Cond. Co., 423 Chestnut.

Helvedia

Francis Maher... \$0 00 M. Lewis... 100
C. L. Maher... 50 Total... \$16 00

Miss Automobile Co., 3005 Locust.

Miss

John T. Salis... \$1 00 A. H. Taylor... 100
Burke... 100 C. H. Norburn... 100
Miss G. Geisch... 100 G. Hoffmeister... 100
E. Ansan More... 100 Jim... 100
G. P. Gebhart... 50 Jesse Floyd... 25
H. J. Kipp... 100 John... 100
Cyrus B. More... 100 H. L. Lee... 25
L. W. Dittrich... 50 W. Scott... 25
A. C. Linders... 25 Total... \$12 30
Matt Klusche... 25 Total... \$12 30

Patterson Orchard Co., 1217 Wright Building.

Patterson

C. W. Banks... \$0 00 Lillian Banks... 100
S. H. Williams... 100 Total... \$4 00
C. E. Patterson... 100 Total... \$4 00

St. Louis News Co., 1008 Locust.

St. Louis

S. R. Duckworth... 25 T. M. Clark... 25
A. Lamprecht... 25 H. Kieb... 25
A. M. Dillman... 25 C. H. Norburn... 25
Floyd H. Fay... 100 Paul... 100
L. D. Kipp... 25 Maud... 25
L. H. Kipp... 25 Eddie... 25
K. Keris... 25 East... 25
L. H. Kipp... 25 Eddie... 25
L. M. Lew... 25 Irma... 25
H. G. McLaughlin... 100 Eddie... 100
E. Murch... 25 Eddie... 25
M. Hardy... 25 Eddie... 25
John... 25 Eddie... 25
loss... 25 Eddie... 25
G. B. Schaffert... 25 Eddie... 25
M. Pennington... 25 Eddie... 25
Celeste Barry... 25 Eddie... 25

Illinois Power Co., 1548 Pierce Building.

Illinois

J. L. White... \$1 00 H. Burger... 25
A. C. Taggart... 100 L. D. Merton... 100
L. D. Merton... 25 Total... \$4 00
A. McArthur... 25 Total... \$4 00

Bryan Marsh Division, 418 Pine St.

Bryan

A. B. Ewing Jr... \$0 00 W. Swenk... 100
Cash... 100 Total... \$6 50

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., 505 North Seventh.

duPont

J. S. Heiferman... \$1 00 H. P. McArthur... 100
W. J. Ambrose... 100 Total... \$4 00
F. H. Altman Jr... 100 Total... \$4 00

A. C. Petri, 211 Chamber of Commerce.

A. C. Petri

A. C. Petri... \$1 00 Fred... 100
Annie Perry... 25 Thom... 100
Bob Petri... 25 Total... \$4 00
Peggy... 50 Total... \$4 00

Wm. J. Kennedy Stationery Co., 212 North Fourth Street.

Wm. J. Kennedy

Geo. H. Grish... 25 Cash... 25
G. Gruske... 25 Cash... 25
John... 25 Cash... 25
Marie Habens... 25 E. Garvey... 25
W. H. Johnson... 25 Eddie... 25
M. G. Gore... 25 Ella... 25
Irvin... 25 Eddie... 25
W. W. Biddle... 25 J. H. Becker... 25
W. E. Kennedy... 25 Total... \$4 05
L. Garrett... 15

Card's Sunshine Mission.

Card's

John Koosig... 40 25 Fred... 25
W. B. Munson... 25 Cash... 25
Mrs. L. Putman... 10 L. Granahan... 10
C. Chapman... 10 Eddie... 10
C. Buschart... 10 Total... \$2 65

F. A. Windegger, 14 Pine Street.

F. A. Windegger

F. A. Windegger... \$1 00 J. A. Ditenow... 25
T. J. Foerster... 25 Total... \$2 25
F. A. Windg... 25

Louis Alsborg, 1320 Washington Av., Fourth Floor.

Louis

Louis Alsborg... \$0 00 Leo Eck... 25
J. G. Wright... 100 Total... \$3 50

Majestic Hotel Barber Shop, 18 Pine St.

Majestic

Elvin... 25 A. T. Flores... 100
K. K.... 100 Gandy... 100
Pet... 100 Total... \$2 45

Schulte & Niemer Com. Co., 305 Chambers of Commerce.

Schulte

C. L. Niemer... \$1 00 Fred... 100
H. Beckman... 25 Kari... 25
H. Beckman... 25 Fred... 25
Arthur... 25 Eddie... 25
Arthur Schultz... 25 Total... \$5 00

Ben Pearlman, 708 Pine St.

Ben

Ben Pearlman... \$2 00 Ross... 100
Karl... 100 Total... \$3 00
Herman Rossey... 25 Total... \$3 00

Walker-Armstrong House Furnishing Co., 1308 Olive Street.

Walker

Martin... \$1 00 O. G. Kirschner... 25

Alice Uhl... 25 Total... \$2 50

C. E. Arm... 100 Total... \$2 50

strong... 100 Total... \$2 50

W. M. Targart, Leather Trades Bidg.

W. M.

Cash... \$2 00 Cash... \$1 00

Total... \$3 00

Crystal Mirror Plate Co., 10th and Spruce Streets.

Crystal

Chas. Young... 25 J. Daniels... 25

B. Smith... 25 H. C. Cook... 25

Oliver... 25 Eddie... 25

Mike... 25 Eddie... 25

Chas.... 25 Eddie... 25

Ray... 25 Eddie... 25

Bob... 25 Eddie... 25

Total... \$4 25

Empire Carbon Works, 500 Locust Street.

Empire

Chas. McRae... \$1 00 F. B. Biles... 25

M. L. McRae... 25 C. A. K.... 25

H. G. Stock... 25 Eddie... 25

T. J. V... 100 Total... \$2 75

J. E. Hoy... 25 Total... \$6 75

I. H. Gray & Co., 307 Boatmen's.

I. H.

Herrick... 25 J. G.... 25

M. A. Gray... 25 Cash... 25

M. G. Gray... 25 Cash... 25

Beatrice Rogers... 25 Cash... 25

Thos. Rogers... 25 Total... \$2 00

Phelan-Faust Mfg. Co., 1000-1010 Pine Street.

Phelan

Phelan... 25 O. J. Buchrader... 25

P. J. Hanley... 25 Cash... 25

H. S. Martin... 25 Cash... 25

D. F. Gulland... 25 Total... \$2 00

H. C. Meiss... 25 Total... \$2 00

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

Festival Headquarters.

Geo. A. Rubelman Hardware Co., 307 North Sixth Street.

Cash... \$0 10 Cash... \$1 00

Pat... \$1 00 Cash... \$1 00

W. J. West R... \$1 00 Cash... \$1 00

A. Friend... \$1 00 Total... \$3 00

Kerec-Dowena Coal Co., 700 North Twelfth.

Cash... \$1 00 Total... \$3 00

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etc.

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and taupe fur;
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ers \$1

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value \$1.50

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1110 Washington.

S. S. Stein... \$1.00 Dan Hesseberg... 25
F. P. Poulson... 1.00 Fred Albrecht... 40
Cash... 25
G. P. Poulson... 50 Cash... 10
Alice Reiter... 25 N. B. 10
Hilda Zink... 15 E. S. Miller... 50
Alice Reiter... 25 Emma Belmont... 50
June Oglester... 25 Martha Thompson... 15
E. Christian... 15 M. M. Christensen... 10
C. Bohmeyer... 40 Eli M. Petz... 50
Cash... 20 Total... 80.00

W. J. Abbott Realty Co.,
506 Chestnut Street.

Corinne Ross... 2.00 John A. Stevens... 2.00

Wm. J. Abbott... 5.00 L. S. Sans... 12.00

Total... 12.00

Supreme Waist Co.,
905 Washington.

N. M.... \$1.00 Miss N. M. 10
M. M. 10
Miss I. B. 10
Eduard Koopman... 10
Juliet Johnson... 10
Susan Weber... 10
E. Brandsteier... 10
Kath. Jones... 15 Total... \$3.15

Baer, Sternberg & Cukor, 2115 Locust.

B. Platinum... 10 Dorothea... 10
B. B. 10 Louise... 10
K. N. 10 Gladys... 10
N. L. 10 Gladys... 10
A. N. 10 Gladys... 10
M. B. 10 Gladys... 10
M. H. 10 Gladys... 10
Alice... 10 Gladys... 10
C. M. R. 10 Gladys... 10
F. H. 10 Gladys... 10
L. K. M. 10 Gladys... 10
E. H. 10 Gladys... 10
Esther D. M. 10 Gladys... 10
B. H. 10 Gladys... 10
I. Rose... 10 Gladys... 10
J. K. 10 Gladys... 10
Josephine... 10 Gladys... 10
K. 10 Gladys... 10
Agnes Fouck... 10 Gladys... 10
Walter Klein... 10 Gladys... 10
E. S. 10 Gladys... 10
C. M. 10 Gladys... 10
D. 10 Gladys... 10
Total... 87.50

United Shoe Machinery Co., 1423 Olive.

D. S. Andrews... 20 W. H. Bain... 25
D. F. Anderson... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
G. E. Schuler... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
J. A. Alshem... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
Ed. Coey... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
A. C. Eck... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
F. G. Converse... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
P. D. Hobins... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
John... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
G. Johnson... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
R. Burns... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
W. R. Allen... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
Wm. Wallace... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
A. D. Hammond... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
Fred. Stevens... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
E. J. Pettit... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
A. N. Nease... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
F. Shinn... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
R. R. Gregory... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
May... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
A. W. Schroeder... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
P. M. Githens... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
E. Salter... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
J. P. Peila... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
M. Seeger... 20 L. C. Bain... 25
Total... 14.00

P. Burns Saddlery Co., 715 Lucas Ave.

Cash... 25 Mamie Mitchell... 25
Pan... 25 Mrs. H. B. 25
Kohrman... 25 K. Rivers... 25
Walter... 25 Cash... 25
Cash... 25 Total... \$3.50

Walter J. G. Neun, 420 Olive Street.

Fk. A. Neun... 50 W. W. J. G. Neun... 50

Total... \$1.00

Arthur G. Moesley, Title Guar. Bldg.

A. G. Moesley... 5.00 Irene Parkes... 10
A. C. McNeely... 4.00 C. S. Sabsbury... 50
Cash... 25 G. C. 10
Cash... 25 C. S. Sabsbury... 50
Frieda... 25 B. Goodwin... 25
Frieda Mohr... 25 M. Schneiders... 15
Myrtle Duval... 25 Ethel Brockman... 25
G. C. 10 C. 10
Cash... 25 C. 10
Total... 22.50

Walter J. G. Neun, 420 Olive Street.

Fk. A. Neun... 50 W. W. J. G. Neun... 50

Total... \$1.00

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C. Bohmeyer... 40 Eli M. Petz... 50
Cash... 20 Total... 80.00

Rice & Hutchins, 1021 Washington.

E. Schaeperle... 10 Geo. Holynck... 10
Frank A. Roth... 10 H. A. Kindergarten... 10
Cas... 10 H. B. Naumburg... 10
A. M. 10 H. C. Kiesack... 10
K. A. Nowark... 10 G. P. Middaugh... 10
J. H. Brooker... 10 J. W. Willits... 10
Walter Nick... 10 F. E. Eggen... 10
William Michael... 10 A. P. Schacht... 10
W. B. Healy... 10 H. A. Hawkins... 10
G. Wagner... 10 Total... \$10.00

H. McNamee... 1.00 A. Kindergarten... 10
E. R. Wannall... 25 Jas. Stewart... 10
F. A. Nowark... 10 W. D. Samuels... 10
G. P. Middaugh... 10 G. Miller... 10
J. H. Brooker... 10 F. E. Eggen... 10
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John Lehmann, 30 George... 10
John Tschudin... 25 Mortley... 10
John... 10 Frank... 10
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Chas. F. Welek & Co., 415 N. Seventh.

K. D. Schwartz... 50 A. M. M. 10
H. W. 10 N. E. W. 10
H. L. D. 10 C. F. Welek... 1.00
E. E. 10 Eugene Steel... 25
N. H. T. 10 C. F. Green... 20
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NAVY MEASURES UP TO REQUIREMENTS, OFFICIALS TESTIFY

Secretary Daniels Points Out That 424 Vessels Exclusive of Small Craft Are Being Built.

INVESTIGATORS ADJOURN

Paymaster General Says Every Man in the Naval Service Is Amply Clothed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The next step of the House Subcommittee investigating the war activities of the navy had not been revealed today, and it appeared probable that further sessions would be deferred until after the Christmas recess. The committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearings.

Secretary Daniels on the stand yesterday gave a comprehensive outline of the construction program, pointing out that 424 vessels, exclusive of submarine chasers and other small craft now are being built. One thousand ships he declared, are now in commission, as compared with 300 two years ago, and the personnel at present amounts to 280,000 officers and men, as against 4376 officers and 64,680 men last April.

Representative Britten of Illinois at the hearing yesterday asked Secretary Daniels whether the department had received any communications from Vice Admiral Sims, commanding American naval forces in the war zone. The Secretary said the question was improper and that "mess gossip" should not be bandied about, but he added that Admiral Sims had been given everything possible that the navy could give.

Paymaster-General's Order.

Later when Rear Admiral McGowan, Paymaster-General, was called to the stand he submitted an order issued by him some months ago directing that Admiral Sims' requests for supplies be acted upon on the same day they were received.

"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the committee. "That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 350, and does not include the small craft. The chasers will be in service by early spring."

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battleships, cruisers, battleships, scouts, destroyers, fuel ships, gunboats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, seagoing tugs, mine sweepers and submarines.

"Has the navy measured up?" he asked. "It is my firm belief at the close of the investigation your answer will be, 'it has, and the country has every reason to repose confidence in the navy.'"

Purchases Centralized.

Admiral McGowan explained to committee that all purchases for the entire naval establishment, except armor plate, guns and ammunition, had been centralized in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, under his direction, so that advantage could be taken of favorable market conditions. Now, however, the markets are abnormal, he said, this being reflected in increased cost of naval operation, including the daily ration allowance.

As an illustration of how the bureau operates to get needed supplies when none are available in the open market, Admiral McGowan told of sending 1000 tons of tin.

"We needed the tin and tried to get it," the witness said, "but the tin-plate people did not want to give it up because it would interfere with their stocks. The War Industries Board had no power to commandeer the tin. We found out where there were tin stocks and sent naval officers to those places, with orders to hold the tin subject to navy orders. It was not commandeering; we just seized it. We wanted to force into the market for spot sales any amount of tin out of the hands or speculation. The market price was \$4, the navy price \$4. What we have is in a common pool and if the army should need tin we will be glad to co-operate with them."

Civilians Are Being Helped.

Questioned by Representative Wilson (Texas), the Admiral said many expert civilians were devoting their time at small salaries in his bureau.

"In general," he added, "there is not a job-seeker among the whole lot. They're hand-picked. I shanghaied some of these civilians and have refused to accept resignations."

Secretary Daniels was really struck the keynote in saying that "recruiting was almost too successful in view of the need of quick and complete clothing of the men," said the witness. "They had the same difficulty in England. However, every man in our navy is amply clothed and if they wore any more than they do they could not walk."

Representative Britten said there was no likelihood of a shortage of clothing at any time, and added that life preservers had been supplied for every enlisted man who went to sea.

"There is no red tape in the Navy Department in making purchases," said the witness. "The majority of large orders are acted on 'instantly,' depending of course on their urgency. Where supplies are immediately needed bids are called for by telegraph and even by telephone."

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Knitted Wool Helmets
THE unprecedented demand has depleted every stock in the city. We have an express shipment on the way from New York last Saturday and are taking orders. Call early and avoid disappointment. Price as before..... \$3.00

WOMAN HIDES IN LAUNDRY BAG, ESCAPES FROM SANITARIUM

Patient at City Institution Carried Outside of Building Along With Clothing.

Close inspection of bags of laundry sent away daily from the city sanitarium has been ordered by Dr. Geo. A. Johns, superintendent, as a result of the escape yesterday of a woman patient by concealing herself in one of the bags.

The patient was Mrs. Emma Miller, 38 years old, a widow, of 3708 Washington boulevard, who had been at the sanitarium a year. At 7 a.m., when the large canvas bags of laundry were standing in the halls, she took part of the clothing out of one and concealed herself inside. This bag, with others, later was carried outside the building by attendants to await the arrival of the laundry wagon.

When the attendant went away Mrs. Miller crawled out of the laundry bags and left the grounds. She went to the home of friends, who telephoned the sanitarium. Guards took her back to the sanitarium. The attendant who carried the bags out said he did not notice any unusual weight. Mrs. Miller is of slight build.

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Last Call

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Price Includes Combination Bench, \$10 Worth of Rolls and Free Delivery

COME to "St. Louis' Favorite Music House" tomorrow and examine this magnificent instrument of well-known make which we offer at this special low price. Compare it with any instrument offered elsewhere for \$500 and \$600. The elegant matched mahogany casing, the beautiful resonant tone, the modern 88-note responsive player action—everything about it will charm the most discriminating music lover.

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\$10 a Month Pays for It

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THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

EAST ST. LOUIS RIOTS INFLUENCED DRY VOTE

Congressional Investigators Say Evidence They Heard Convinced Them Prohibition Was Needed.

Following the action of every member of the Congressional Committee, which recently held hearings in the East St. Louis race riots, in voting for submission of the prohibition amendment to the states, the Post-Dispatch telegraphed each member, inquiring whether evidence brought at the hearings had influenced them in voting for the amendment. There was a great deal of testimony at the hearings connecting public officials with vice that was practised mostly around saloons, and there was much other testimony of the activity of the saloons in politics.

Congressman John E. Rake, of California, the most vigorous inquirer on the committee, replied as follows: "In reply to your telegram will say that evidence of saloon-controlled politics in East St. Louis absolutely confirmed my prior information and knowledge, and made me more certain in my duty to vote for the proposed prohibition constitutional amendment."

The East St. Louis situation is a typical example, thoroughly staged, and not a player absent."

Congressman George Edmund Foss

HOOVER AID HERE SAYS WE MUST FEED ALLIES

Dr. Wilbur Points Out Danger Entente Collapsing as Russia Has Done.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chief aid to National Food Administrator Hoover, and president of the Leland Stanford University, told a Post-Dispatch reporter today that we would lose the war before we were fairly into it unless we fed England, France and Italy until next fall, and that there would be a collapse of our allies such as occurred in Russia unless the American people practiced rigid conservation of wheat, meats, fats and sugar.

Dr. Wilbur arrived in St. Louis today from Iowa City, Io., en route to Eastern and Middle Western states in the interest of the national conservation movement. As first aid to Hoover, Dr. Wilbur has charge of all conservation and educational work of the national food administration.

Dr. Wilbur conferred this morning with the Food Administration Committee of St. Louis, and the Women's

of Chicago replied: "I have been in favor of prohibition for some time, but, of course, the East St. Louis situation confirmed my previous conclusions."

Central Committee on Food Conservation, and at noon addressed the City Club on the food situation. He will speak to a meeting of women at the Wednesday Club auditorium at 3 p.m. and will depart for the East tonight.

"The big problem before us now is getting our wheat and pork products to the soldiers in Europe within the next few months," said Dr. Wilbur. "The most pressing need in Italy is wheat. We can't maintain the armies over there unless we send large quantities of wheat, pork, lard, bacon and ham. We can't send beef because we haven't enough refrigerators ships."

"Empty stomachs will break up the allied armies quicker than anything else. This is what caused the collapse of Russia, and it was the primary reason for the recent defeat of the Italian army. If the soldiers see that they not only die for their country, but starve also, they say: 'what's the use,' and then the morale goes away down."

"It isn't a question of helping our allies, but of maintaining them for a long period, until we can train our troops to take Russia's place. The best evidence of their support of the allies that the people of the country can give is to see that the armies are properly fed."

"We are going to lose the war before we are fairly into it, unless we feed our allies. This gives every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States a chance to fight the submarines. We don't realize that the men in the allied armies are as im-

portant to us as they are to our allies. Every soldier we support over there is a trained expert in modern warfare, while our men are green, and have yet to learn."

"We can win if we maintain our allies until next fall, but we don't know what the situation will develop into. We can't send any large quantities of troops over because we have neither the ships to take them or the food to maintain them."

Dr. Wilbur said that enough wheat could be saved by the inhabitants of Iowa, Missouri and Ohio to save the situation if the people of these states followed the strict conservation regulation laid down by the State and National Food Administrations.

In a series of new regulations just issued by the National Food Administration Dr. Wilbur said that Saturday had been named as porkless day, and that people would be asked to have one wheatless and one meatless meal a day, in addition to the meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday.

Dr. Wilbur was asked if the food administration contemplated issuing food cards, or adopting other stringent regulations to conserve food.

"We don't want to Prussianize our food system," he replied, "and we don't intend to do it. We want this movement to be supported voluntarily by the people and to have them show by their intelligence that they realize the necessity of existing regulations."

Post-Dispatch Wants point the way to comfortable rooms and good board.

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At \$4.75
Worth Up to \$6.00 and \$7.50

The materials are Silk Georgettes, Silk Crepe de Chines, Habutai Silks, Tub Silks and Striped Silk Taffetas. Every new collar and cuff featured in this collection. Embroidered, beaded, braided, tucked and lace trimmed.

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\$2.50 Waists for..... \$1.25 \$1.50 Waists for..... 75¢

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Friday's 1-Hour Specials--9:30 to 10:30

Net Dancing Frocks for Juniors; 11, 13 and 15 year sizes at \$1.50
Silk Jersey and Shetland Wool Sweaters..... \$1.50
White Silk-lined Bedford Cord Coats, worth \$30.00 for..... \$7.50
\$25.00 White Serge Suite, silk lined..... \$7.50
\$10.00, \$15.00 and \$20.00 net and silk Party Frocks..... \$3.95

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Still greater price reductions and more remarkable offers in this section for economical Christmas shoppers.

Over 300 Coats, valued positively up to \$40.00 at

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In a wide range of colorings, materials and styles.

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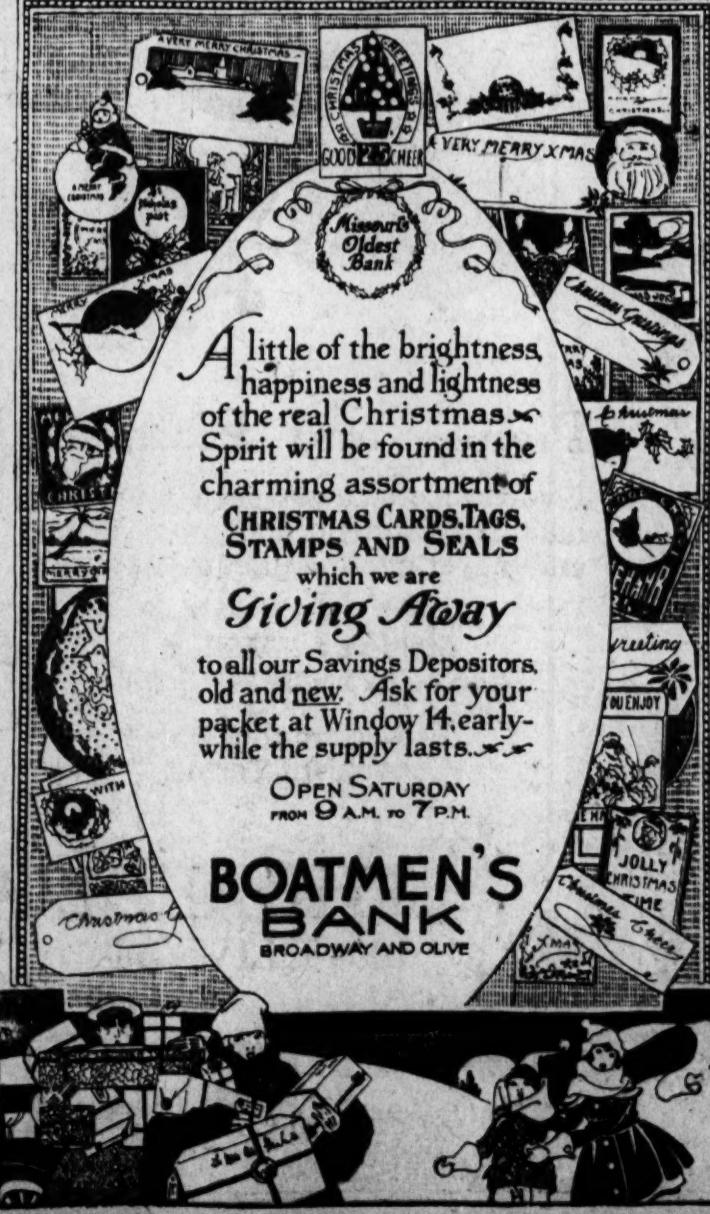
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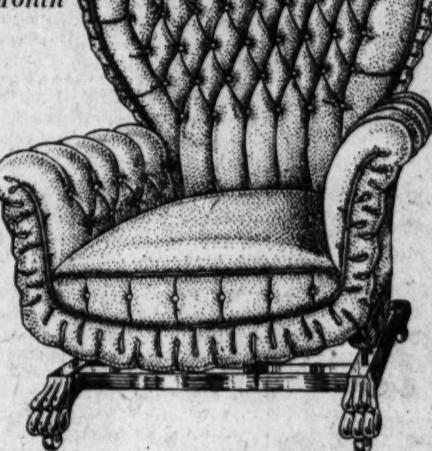
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Christmas Suggestions

WHAT more pleasing or lasting gift could you select than a handsome Library Rocker, Morris Chair, Sewing Cabinet, Piano Lamp, Columbia Grafonola or a good Piano or Player-Piano. You are sure to find just what you want at May-Stern's—at unusually low prices—and on credit terms to suit your own convenience.

Extra Large and Massive Library Rocker

\$1.00
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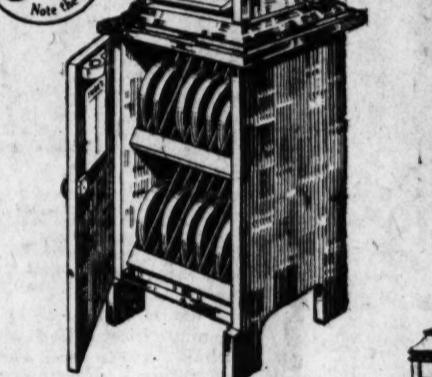
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YOUR husband or father would certainly enjoy one of these magnificent over-stuffed Library Rockers—they are big, broad and massive—richly upholstered in imitation leather—designed with roll arms, shaped back and ruffled edges—the kind of rocker he can sink into with a sigh of comfort—worth double the price we ask this week....

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WE are ready for the Christmas rush with a complete assortment of all different sizes and styles of Columbia Grafonolas. All offered on credit at the same prices others ask for cash—no interest—no extras of any kind.

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This Columbia Grafonola
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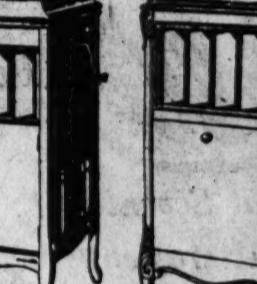
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Conqueror Talking Machine like cut—
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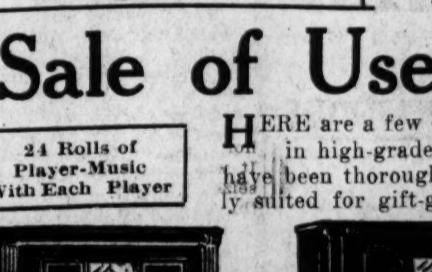


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U. S. BULLETS PIERCE ARMOR

Holes Torn in Breast Plate Removed From German Prisoner.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 20.—The German soldiers' armor will not withstand the hard-hitting American bullet, it has been shown. A heavy breastplate removed from a German prisoner for a test was cut to pieces by

machine gun fire after a rifle bullet fired at a good range had torn a hole in the armor as big as a silver dollar.

Even the bullets from an automatic pistol did the work, it was expected they would in this respect.

Seven Automobiles Are Stolen.

Seven automobiles reported stolen yesterday belonged to Theodore E.

Buell, 1920 Burd avenue; E. J. Keltel, 2337 Montgomery street; Morris Barnholts, 3531 Lucas avenue; Charles Prante, 214 Lepesrance street; A. E. Schulte, 2719 Wyoming street; East St. Louis Water Co. and Raymond L. House, Kirkwood.

At the Busy Bee Bake Shoppe

Fruit Cakes, Tea Cakes, Petit Fours, Nut and Fruit Kisses, packed in boxes, assorted, 60c per pound.—ADV.

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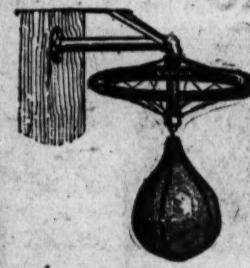
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THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

Taft Advises Unit Control of Railroads for Duration of War

Declares Director Should Be a Trained Railway Man---Collapse of Systems Due to Misdirected Regulations in Past, He Says.

By WILLIAM H. TAFT.
(By Courtesy of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Years ago the misconduct of our railroads properly aroused popular indignation and led to the enactment of legislation to curb their misuse of their privileges and their unjust treatment of the public. The railways have interested themselves in political power and it took a 20 years' struggle to overcome them. The Interstate Commerce act was amended from time to time until in 1910 the railroads were brought under complete supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Forty-eight different state commissions also were given power to regulate railways within their respective states. These powers of supervision, national and state, have not been wisely exercised.

In the year 1916, although we had the greatest business prosperity in our history, only 700 miles of new railroad were constructed, less than in any year since 1848 except the first year of the Civil War. Down to 1907 our annual increase in railway mileage averaged 5000 miles. One-sixth of our total railway mileage has recently been in the hands of receivers. While the bad condition of some railways may be traced to unscrupulous or fraudulent management, the chief reason for the general failure of our railways normally to expand their mileage, their terminal facilities, their equipment and motive power to meet the demand of the normal growth of the country is due to discouraging and hostile governmental regulation. An increase in rates of wages, involving huge additional increased expenditures, enforced upon them by act of Congress and no corresponding increase of rates is granted. In England such an increase has been paid out of public funds. The condition of our railways is such that \$5,000,000,000 could well be expended to supply the railroads with capacity adequate to do the business offered.

Railroads Breaking Down.

In 1916, the most prosperous of years, no new railway stock was listed on the stock exchange, and not more than a dozen of American railway stocks were sold above par. Railroads cannot borrow the money they need. Investors fear the hostility of State and national Governments. The managers are now appealing to the Government for aid in floating loans. We have the most skillful and courageous railway leaders, but they are fighting a losing fight. The system is breaking down under the additional load which the war has put upon them.

What is the remedy? Those who stimulated our State and national commissioners to the unjust, annoying and illogical restraints under which the railways have suffered are now using the unfeeling condition they have brought about as a ground for Government ownership and operation. This, it is said, would secure unit control and needed capital. Government ownership and operation have not succeeded anywhere save in Prussia, and even there the result is not clear. The independent and absolute control possible under that loyal Government could not be maintained here. In Canada and everywhere else where tried, the experiment has been a failure in paying expenses and interest on investment and in maintaining the efficiency of a privately run line.

The Supreme Court, by a divided court, held that the anti-trust law applied to railways. With the absolute power in the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates and regulate the course of the railways in most important matters, there is little danger that the public would suffer if the commission were to retain or monopolize trade among the railways and all injury possible could be avoided by prohibiting such combinations unless approved by the commission. In this way pooling would be permitted under supervision. This was attempted in proposed legislation in 1910, but the bitter opposition prevented. Ruinous competition and uneconomical operation of railways could be avoided by such a provision, and the combined capacity of railways could be greatly increased.

Urge Single Supervision.

By incorporating all the railways under federal law and taking them out from under the nagging supervision of State commission supervision, much can be effected in making them more useful to the country. Such fostering and encouraging legislation would invite investors again, and improvements in every direction could be financed.

Meantime, what can be done as a war measure? If the railways need money Congress should guarantee their bonds to secure it. England has helped to finance its railways, especially, as already stated, in meeting the demand of their labor for higher wages. Immediate unit control over the railways can secure greater capacity. The Railway War Board, created by the railways themselves, has shown this in the more effective use of their combined equipment. Such good results can be enhanced by enlarging such unit control over all railways during the period of the war by order of the President. Of course, he should not displace those in charge of the railways now. They have shown in their struggle against great difficulties their skill; but he may put them all under the unit direction of a Government agent or board, who will be able to combine the operation of all the railways so as to greatly increase

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You will find TRUPAKT a delight and a relief after eating coarse meat dishes day after day.

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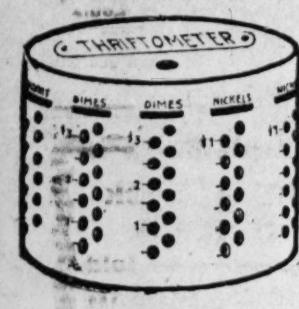
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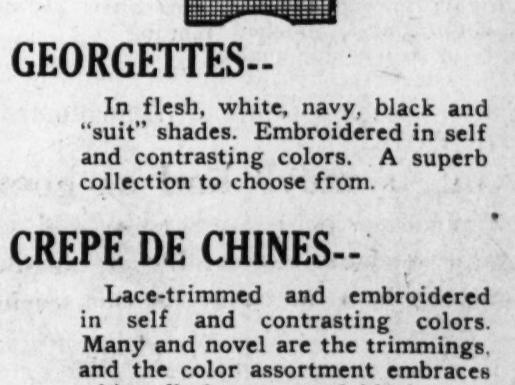
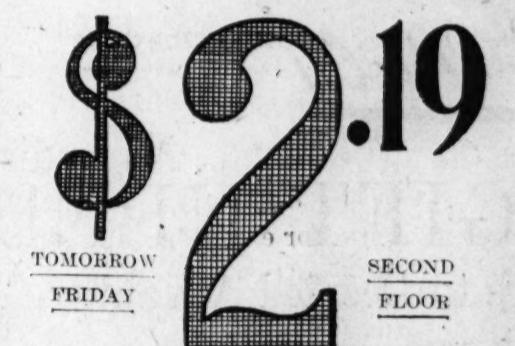
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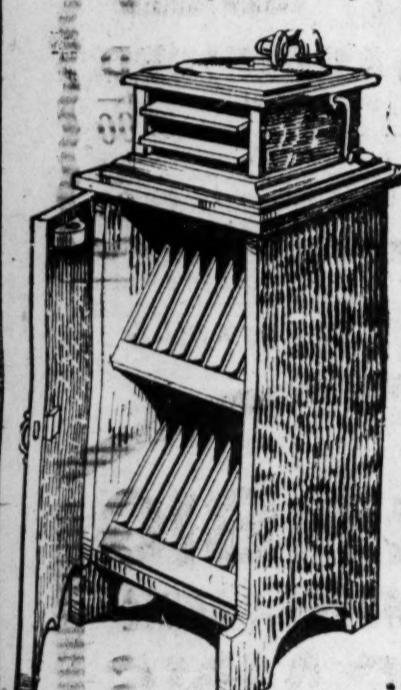
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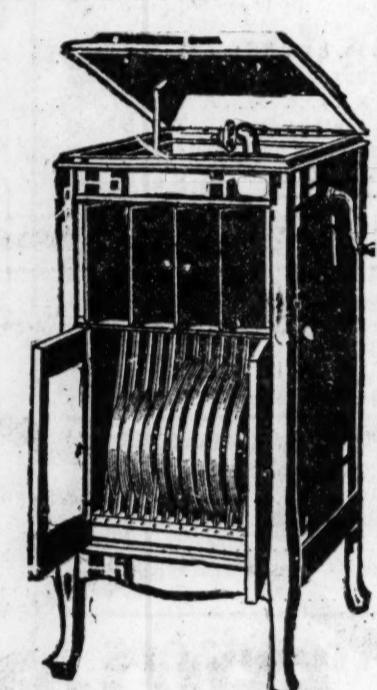
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For a Fair Street
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City and Company Need a Prompt Settlement

Final action on the settlement ordinance is delayed by a proposal to wait six months or more while some imported theoretical "expert," ignorant of St. Louis conditions, collects a \$5,000 fee from the City treasury for telling St. Louis people how to conduct a plain business transaction, every detail of which has already been carefully investigated by your legal, engineering, financial, executive and legislative agents at City Hall.

The proposed delay could not benefit anybody but the "expert" and the noisy little minority of St. Louisans who for their own selfish reasons wish to wreck the property and the service. It could not force our security holders to accept any harder terms than those proposed in the pending ordinance. They have rights, ignored by the theoretical "experts," which they will not exchange for something that would leave them worse off than they are to-day. All that the proposed delay could do would be to injure our stockholders, our employees, our customers and the community as a whole.

A prompt settlement is vitally important to both City and Company.

A prompt, workable settlement, as proposed in the pending ordinance, would assure better service and better wages, without increased cost to our customers.

It would open the way—now closed—to get car line extensions and rapid transit lines.

It would open the way—now closed—to municipal ownership, by giving the City the right to buy the street railways at an agreed valuation much less than the cost of reproducing them to-day or hereafter.

It would assure continuance of universal free transfers.

It would cut the Company's capitalization to or below the actual value of our property—would get rid of the so-called "water," thus enabling us to get new capital cheaply for service extensions demanded by the public.

It would give the City Government a liberal share of car earnings for other municipal uses.

It would save hundreds of small St. Louis preferred stockholders from risk of losing their undisputed equity in the property—an unjust loss that could benefit nobody except our bondholders, if failure to get a fair settlement promptly should force a receivership and a foreclosure sale.

It would set up sensible co-operation instead of wasteful litigation between City and Company—St. Louis' two chief public servants.

Our best franchise is public good will. An undisputed official permit to use the streets, and a yearly savings margin out of earnings, are indispensable if we are to get new capital for extensions and service betterments. But an official permit, alone, is not a sufficient basis for a satisfactory, prosperous street railway business. Nothing less than public good will and co-operation can provide such a basis. For seven years past, handicapped seriously by conditions which a fair settlement will remove, we have done our level best to merit public good will. Our creditors have got interest on their loans, but our stockholders have not taken a penny of dividends.

We are eager to give you as much and as good service as you want, at cost determined by proper public authorities, and not a penny more. All we ask is a fair wage for our labor and capital serving you. And we haven't a doubt you're as willing to pay a fair wage for this service as you are for everything else you buy.

The controlling facts are well understood by your City Government and, we believe, by you. The proposed delay seems to us to be unwarranted, and we know it is dangerous to both City and Company.

A bankrupt street railway system—bankrupted to gratify ancient hatreds, to glorify destructive journalism, and to satisfy cranky theorists ignorant of the facts that must be dealt with—will hurt everybody in St. Louis and benefit nobody.

The United Railways Company of St. Louis

WOMEN OPEN WAR STAMP SALE

Mrs. Kate M. Howard, First Investor, Takes \$1000 in Certificates.

A sale of \$1000 worth of war savings certificates to Mrs. Kate M. Howard, 33 Vandeventer place, marked the opening of active work on the part of the Women's Committee in charge of the sale of thrift stamps and war savings certificates to the women of St. Louis.

Mrs. Howard made her investment, which is the largest amount that can be sold to any one individual, at the thrift stamp booth at Nugent's presided over by Miss Catherine Mattingly of the Catholic Woman's League.

Assorted Flavors Chocolates, 25c lb. At the Olympia, 415 N. 4th st.—ADV.

Regains Possession of Girl by Force Couple Had Separated.

Webb Phillips of East St. Louis went to the home of his wife, Mrs. Jessie Van Dyke Phillips, at the Roselle Hotel, 4145 Lindell boulevard, yesterday afternoon, and forcibly regained possession of their child, Martha, 3 years.

After a separation 18 months ago the child was placed in the care of Phillips' parents in East St. Louis, but the mother gained possession of it several weeks ago. Phillips is a private in the United States army, stationed at Camp Taylor, near Louisville.

Paper Was to Cover Rejected Tax Payment, Says St. Clair County Treasurer, Through Wife.

Free Warning, St. Clair County Treasurer, admitted to a Post-Dispatch reporter today, though Mrs. Warning, his wife, says for him that instead of having issued one check for \$13,554 in settlement of delinquent taxes collected for East St. Louis, which was returned on account of insufficient funds, he issued two such checks, the second intended to cover the first. The second check, drawn on the First National Bank of Belleville, was turned down for the same reason as the first one, drawn on the Union Trust and Savings Bank of East St. Louis.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, the Finance Committee of the East St. Louis City Council and city officials met yesterday afternoon and it was agreed that the Supervisors' Committee would have the task of presenting an audit of his books or other proceedings, and that the Council Committee would notify Warning's sureties on his Collector's bond that unless the check is made good suit will be instituted. The sureties on the Collector's bond, which is distinct from the Treasurer's bond, are Conrad Reed, S. D. Sexton, G. H. Miller, August Schlaflly, Edward Keshner, Kirk Harrington, Charles Idoux and Fred Philipp.

Philip Gass, cashier of the First National Bank of Belleville, told a Post-Dispatch reporter yesterday afternoon that the Warning check, then supposed to be the only one he had issued, was drawn on the First National in favor of S. J. Cashel, City Treasurer of East St. Louis, was presented by Cashel to the Union Trust and Savings Bank, was forwarded by the Union Trust to the Belleville Bank and Trust Co., the Belleville correspondent of the Union Trust, and in that way reached the First National, which declined to pay it because Warning did not have enough money on deposit to cover it. Tells of Second Check.

Warning stated yesterday that he issued the check on the Union Trust after his daughter had called up E. P. Keshner, the vice president of the bank, and had been told by him that Warning had a balance of \$14,000 there.

When Warning today was asked through Mrs. Warning to explain these apparent contradictions, he said, according to Mrs. Warning, that there were two checks. After payment of the first was refused by the Union Trust, he issued another on the First National to cover the first.

In a later conversation Mrs. Warning told the reporter that her husband said he did not issue the second check personally, but had his clerk, Herman Pfuhl, issue it. Pfuhl, when asked about it, said that neither he nor the other clerk in Warning's office knew anything about it.

Question to Keshner Unanswered.

Keshner, when asked today if he had told Warning's daughter that Warning had a balance of \$14,000 in the Union Trust Bank, declined to answer the question either affirmatively or negatively, but said that it was hard and fast rule of the bank not to discuss the condition of anybody's deposit over the telephone. The action of the Union Trust in returning Warning's check was told of exclusively in the Post-Dispatch yesterday.

Warning is custodian of the \$400,000 present realized from the sale of road bonds in St. Clair County. Keshner was asked if Warning did not have this amount on deposit at the Union Trust Bank. He said that it was formerly on deposit there, but part of it had been paid out and he was unable to say how much of that fund remained on deposit.

Warning's bond as County Treasurer does not cover the road bond money. It is for only \$225,000. Patrick F. Martin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said that when Warning offered his treasurer's bond four months ago it was unsatisfactory.

Others were George Gold, father of Fred Gerold, former City Treasurer of East St. Louis; A. W. Bona, a real estate agent, and Fred Larobidier. The latter withdrew and a farmer named Kampmeyer was substituted.

\$25,000 Indemnity Bond Agreed on.

It was finally agreed that the board would accept the bond on condition that Warning consent to the board purchasing an indemnity bond for \$25,000. Warning at first objected to this, but finally consented. He became ill shortly afterward and the indemnity bond was not obtained.

At the Busy Bee Bakeshoppe

Fruit Cake, Tea Cakes, Petit Fours, Nut and Fruit Kisses, packed in boxes, assorted, 60c per pound.—ADV.

Red Cross Worker's Purse Taken.

Miss Ida Grant of 5052 Westminster place, a Red Cross worker, told the police that a negro stole her silver mesh bag containing some change and a key, from the model field hospital at Twelfth and Olive streets yesterday afternoon. The bag, with the money gone, later was found in a vacant house at 20 South Fourteenth street.

Geographic Society Honors Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson became an honorary member of the National Geographic Society, accepting the honor when it was tendered by a committee of the society headed by Secretary Lane.

U. S. FLYER DROWNED IN FRANCE

Ensign Philip W. Page Was Former Newspaper Man in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Ensign Philip Ward Page of Brookline, a well-known American aviator and former newspaper man, was drowned in France yesterday, according to information in a telegram to his mother, Mrs. Cyrus A. Page, from Harry Atwood and at the Burgess Aviation School. He is survived by his mother and one sister, Miss Dorothy.

death were given. Page joined the aviation department of the navy several months ago and sailed for France early in September.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON INCOME TAX IS DISTRIBUTED HERE

Requirements as to Filing and
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Questions Included.

EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

Business Man's Expenditures on
Out-of-Town Guest for Commercial Purpose Tax Free.



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claimed. Contributions or gifts made to individuals do not constitute allowable deductions.

Another explanation of a complicated matter, which may be of general interest, is given in this paragraph:

"If a taxpayer, desiring to do his patriotic duty, borrowed money to invest in Liberty Loan 3½ per cent bonds, or if he borrowed money to invest in the bonds of a state, county or municipality, a certificate issued under the provisions of a Federal farm loan act of July 17, 1917, or any other securities the interest from which is not subject to income tax, the interest paid by the taxpayer upon the money so borrowed cannot be claimed as a deduction with this exception: All interest paid within the year may be so claimed."

MUNICIPAL COAL YARDS GET ANOTHER SUPPLY OF COAL

Director Schmoll Says Fuel Will Be Distributed Tomorrow at 16¢ a bushel.

The City Supply Commissioner's office was notified today by the Terminal Association that two cars of coal for the municipal coal yards, which had no coal for several days, were in St. Louis and Director Schmoll said the coal would be distributed tomorrow. He said he expected coal would be on sale at the seven station at 16 cents a bushel.

The city has received no coal since Monday and before that the last received was Friday. Monday it was required to make a return, even if exemptions for children will keep him from paying any tax. By failing to understand this fact a number of St. Louisans last year made themselves liable to fines.

For failure to file a return on or before March 1, fines of \$20 to \$1000 may be imposed, and false or fraudulent returns are punishable by one year's imprisonment.

May Report Separately.

When a husband and wife, living together, have independent incomes of more than \$1000 each, separate returns may be made if they prefer; if the income of either is less than \$1000, but their combined income exceeds \$2000, they should make a joint return.

Returns must cover the calendar year, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1917, and not the so-called fiscal year of certain business concerns, which varies with different firms. Receipts of money are taxable for the year in which the money is actually received, and if a man's December salary is not paid until January, it will be included in his next year's income and not in that on which he must make his return for 1917.

Many of the questions are about deductions, this being the most troublesome topic in connection with the income tax.

Affordable Deductions.

Some cases in which deductions are permitted are the following:

Wages paid to farm laborer (but not to woman engaged in housework).

Amounts spent by a business man in entertaining out-of-town customers, when sole purpose is commercial.

Personal expenditures for railroad and street-car fare, showrooms, assistants and advertising, when made by salesman working on a commission basis, and not borne by firm which he represents.

Rents to fences and buildings of farm rented on cash or share basis.

Rental, taxes and insurance on business property (not home) when paid by tenant under terms of lease.

Rental on part of dwelling used for professional or business purposes as a physician's office in his home.

Gifts to religious and charitable organizations, up to 15 per cent of taxable net income.

Debts, bona fide, definitely ascertained to be worthless and uncollectable. Creditor need not go to expense of bringing bankruptcy proceedings before deducting such a debt, but if any part of it is later paid, such payment must be included in tax return for year when it is paid.

Loss on a note indorsed for another, which indorser has had to pay, if he has good reason to believe he will not be repaid.

No Deductions Here.

There is also a list of cases in which deductions are not allowable. Some of these are:

Wages paid to minor son or daughter.

Wages paid to self from one's own business.

Daily carfare and lunch money. Life insurance premiums, and those paid on fire insurance for dwellings.

Amounts paid by stockholders of corporations as assessments on their stock.

Special taxes for paving, street and sewer construction, levee work and street sprinkling or oiling.

Income tax payments on return for previous year.

Shrinkage in market value of stocks still held by the purchaser. (They may go up again.)

Personal damages paid by automobile owner to person injured by his car.

Deficit on a "fancy stock farm" not operated primarily for profit.

Money given to individuals as an act of charity, or loaned without much expectation of repayment.

On Gifts to Charities.

The statement as to deductions allowable for gifts to religious and charitable organizations is as follows:

"For example: Your total taxable net income amounts to \$20,000. During the year you have contributed to the National Red Cross \$1000, to the Young Men's Christian Association \$1000, toward the construction of a new church \$1000, and to the Associated Charities of your home city \$800, a total of \$3800. Fifteen per cent of your total net income amounts to \$3000, therefore this latter amount may be claimed as a deduction, and the balance of your contributions and gifts may not be

taxed."

Send me your Fire Prevention Booklet and Catalog.

1000 S. Olive Street, St. Louis.

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The Famous-Barr Band Plays the National Anthem
Every Morning at 8:30—Main Floor, Gallery.Military Gift Shop, Third Floor, Will Forward Your
Gift According to Government Regulations.

FAMOUS AND BARR CO.

Incomparable Christmas Assortments!

At St. Louis Greatest Christmas Store

Up to the last minute before Yuletide Eve, you'll find this store a big, busy, bustling place, filled with eager last-minute shoppers hurrying hither and thither for eleventh-hour needs.

And they will FIND what they're looking for. For our assortments have been planned on the broadest lines, to take care of the biggest Christmas in the history of the store.

The Store Requests

that you do as much of your shopping in the morning hours as you can possibly arrange for, when service is at its best.

—that you carry small parcels with you whenever practical, to insure the prompt delivery of your larger packages.

—and a Red Cross Seal Should Go on Every Parcel and Letter.



HIS is a sketch of a Famous-Barr Co. Gift Certificate. Thousands of them make a happy Xmas for as many men and women each Yuletide.

If you do not know exactly what to send, rely on the Co. Gift Certificates. We'll issue them for ANY amount—and they're redeemable in every section of the store.

Gift Coupon Books are a variation of the same idea. They're issued in books of 10, 25 and 50 ten-cent coupons, for \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 respectively. Ask about them at All Exchange Desks



For Friday---a Remarkable Offering of

Blouses

Specially Gift Boxed

at **\$2.00**

Charming lingerie models which we have selected from our regular stocks for this special occasion—new, distinctive and especially "giveable" Blouses with large collars, infinite hemstitchings and the most likeable lace and embroidered effects.

Third Floor

Cut Glass
\$4.50 to \$6 Qualities

Uncommonly varied, up-to-date crystal blanks, including such giveable pieces as 9-in. Fruit, Bowl, Orange Bowls, 8-in. deep, Dishes, Butter Dishes and Cover, large Thermo Dishes, with cover, Ice Tubs, Fern Dishes, Etc.

Fifth Floor

Men's Heavy Silk Shirts

A Xmas Special at

\$4.95

"Eagle" and other brands—pean de crepe and satin striped weaves—rich patterns that would sell ordinarily at \$5.95 and \$6.95. Patterns of every sort—all sizes, 13½ to 20.

Men's Reeper Mufflers.....**\$1.50**

Pure thread silk in accordion knitted effect, with fringed ends. All in the popular two-tone shades.

Main Floor, Aisle 9

First Comers Will Get

These Umbrellas
\$2.25

For Men and Women

Silk-and-linen-mixed Taffeta, with silk cases and natural wood and novel Mission and fancy handles.

Main Floor, Aisle 3

\$2.50 Kid GlovesFriday Pair, **\$2.25**

Women's superfine French Kid Gloves, 2 clasp, in all black, black and white, all white and white with black.

Main Floor, Aisle 3

Women's Winter Coats

Values Up to **\$40.00**

In a Remarkable Sale, Friday

\$17.95

Not only Christmas Gifts but NEXT YEAR'S NEEDS are to be figured into this proposition—because no matter how you consider it, your next year's Coat is going to cost you more money; and it is a wonderful saving to anticipate that need Friday.

There are 150 Coats in this lot. Part of them are from a recent purchase; part are from regular stock—odd assortments and so on. Burrells, zibelines, velours, cheviots, Yosemites, broadcloths, velvetines and plushes, trimmed with fur, plush or fur fabric. All the Coats should go in a day!

Dresses to \$25

Will Be Offered in Another Big Sale Friday at

\$11.50

The important thing to note is that they are NEW DRESSES, only recently expressed to us by a noted New York maker, and that for smartness and personality we haven't seen their equal for many a day.

There are serges, taffetas and satins in the good blues and black, as so many women prefer them, and a few colors to give the collection the proper variety. Sizes for all women—but come promptly.

Special Purchase of FUR SETS \$25 Offered Friday at

Please note that the styles are the very newest, having just come from the maker's workshops—each set prettily lined and carefully finished. Extraordinary at **\$25.00**.

Black Wolf Red Fox Poivet Fox Taupe Fox Raccoon Opossum Nutria Muskrat Taupe Wolf

Third Floor

Don't Forget--He's EXPECTING That Smoking Jacket


—and he'll be a mighty disappointed man without it, for its intrinsic value (because some of the handsomest Jackets are the least expensive), but because of the thoughtfulness for his comfort that the gift will imply.

Choose Here for Variety and for Best Value! We're positive you'll find no such garments elsewhere at

\$4.75 to \$25
Fancy Vests!

Hoods of new silk, mercerized and lamé lined. Waistcoats at

\$2.65, \$3.75, \$4.75

Immense assortments of all the popular models and fabrics....

\$6.75 to \$15

Second Floor

Gift Special Men's Sweater Coats
\$5.44

Close-knit, heavy, warm wool-mixed Coats, in 1x1 rib, Cardigan or rope-stitch weaves. Made with shawl collars or V-necks; varied colors. Handsomely gift-boxed.

Second Floor

BLANKETS

At **\$12.50** pair, size 70x82 all-wool Blankets, in small gray plaids, with overlocked edges.

At **\$7.50** pair, size 66x80 wool Blankets, admixed with a little cotton. Gray with blue or pink borders.

At **\$4.95** pair, size 66x80 Woolhapp Blankets, in blue, gray, pink and tan plaids, with overlocked edges.

Fourth Floor

A Cedar Chest for \$5.50
French Coney Caps

Friday at

\$2.85

Many will like these "Dartford" Caps for motoring and skating wear and giving. Give early! It's best to be early!

Main Floor, Aisle 8

Cluny Laces

12½c Yard

Just what you need, perhaps, to complete some gift thing—wide imported laces and bands, in white and cream.

Main Floor, Aisle 4

ShoeS
Boys' Mackinaws

Friday Special

\$4.60

Choice of many new color combinations—double-breasted, shawl collar coats—intensely practical gifts for boys of 6 to 17 years.

Rain Outfits, **\$2.78**

With military collar, coats and rain hat to match. Choice of dark tan or salt-and-pepper grey—all with strapped and cemented seams. Sizes 6 to 18. Very useful gift at a very low price.

"Indian" Play Suits, **\$1.18**

Khaki coat, trousers and feathered headpiece. Sizes 3 to 10 years.

Second Floor

Boys' Mackinaws

Friday Special

\$4.60

Smart zibeline, kersey, plushes and novelty mixtures—all lined throughout. Brown, navy, green—sizes 8 to 14 years.

Girls' Rain Capes, **\$2.19**

With silk-lined hoods. Showerproof, red or blue sateen. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Girls' Rain Outfits, **\$3.29**

Navy and tan Poplin, and novelty checks, with high storm collars, belts and pockets. Tan hats to match. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Third Floor

Girls' Coats

Special Friday at

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Two Xmas Rug Specials!

If you're "on the verge" of deciding on the practical home gift, tomorrow's special prices should bring you to a quick decision!

\$25 to \$35 Axminsters, 9x12 ft., Oriental and conventional patterns....

\$28.75

\$22.50 Brussels Rugs, 9x12 ft., seamless, Oriental and allovers....

\$17.50

Fourth Floor

Oval shape wood frame, rectangular center. While 60 last.

For Her
\$5.00 Carving Sets

3-piece Set, consists of carver, fork and steel, good quality steel with French gray handle. While 40 last.

\$2.50 Serving Trays

Oval shape wood frame, rectangular center. While 60 last.

75c Nut Sets

7-piece nickel-plated Nut Sets, packed in wood boxes, hinge cover, neatly lined. While 70 last.

Basement Gallery

Short lots of Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers.

SHOEs

and Slippers for Christmas Special Friday

For Men—Shoes of gunmetal calf or black kid, new English last or wide toe shape.

French Broadcloth, **\$3.00 Yard**

Woven of pure "Botany" wool and finished with a high lustre. 50 in. wide.

For Boys—Slippers of tan felt, with padded soles. Sizes 1 to 6 years. Pair, **\$1.10**.

For Women—House Pumps of felt, with elk soles. Pair, **\$1.00**.

ALSO Women's tan English Lace Boots, of Russia calf, with white welt, Cuban leather heels—a new high model. Pair, **\$4.65**.

At 75c Pr.

Short lots of Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers.

At 80c Pr.

Men's and Women's leather Pullman Slippers, in leather cases.

Second Floor

\$2.25 Plaid Silks, \$1.98

Satin-plaid Taffeta, bought so favorably that we can sell it underpriced Friday at **\$1.98** a yard. Newest color combinations: width 36 inches.

Black Broadcloth, **\$3.00 Yard**

Woven of pure "Botany" wool and finished with a high lustre. 50 in. wide.

French Serge, **Yard, \$1.50**

Fine twill, all-wool, 40-inch black or navy French Serge.

Main Floor, Aisle 1

Silk-Mixed Shirting, **49c**

Editorial Page
New Photographs
Women's Features
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

DAILY MAGAZINE

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Popular Comics
Sporting News
Market Reports
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917.



In order to reach the Baker mines in Oregon, to preach war savings to the miners, this woman, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, a member of the Oregon legislature, had to travel on the world's highest and longest aerial cable tramway, a mile long and 7,000 feet above sea level. Dubu.



This is the tree which will be set up in the Coliseum for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival. It was cut this week on the farm of C.T. and J.B. Mitchell, at Catawissa, Mo.

This picture gives an idea of the size of the tree for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival. It is 50 feet high and the circumference of the trunk is 50 inches.



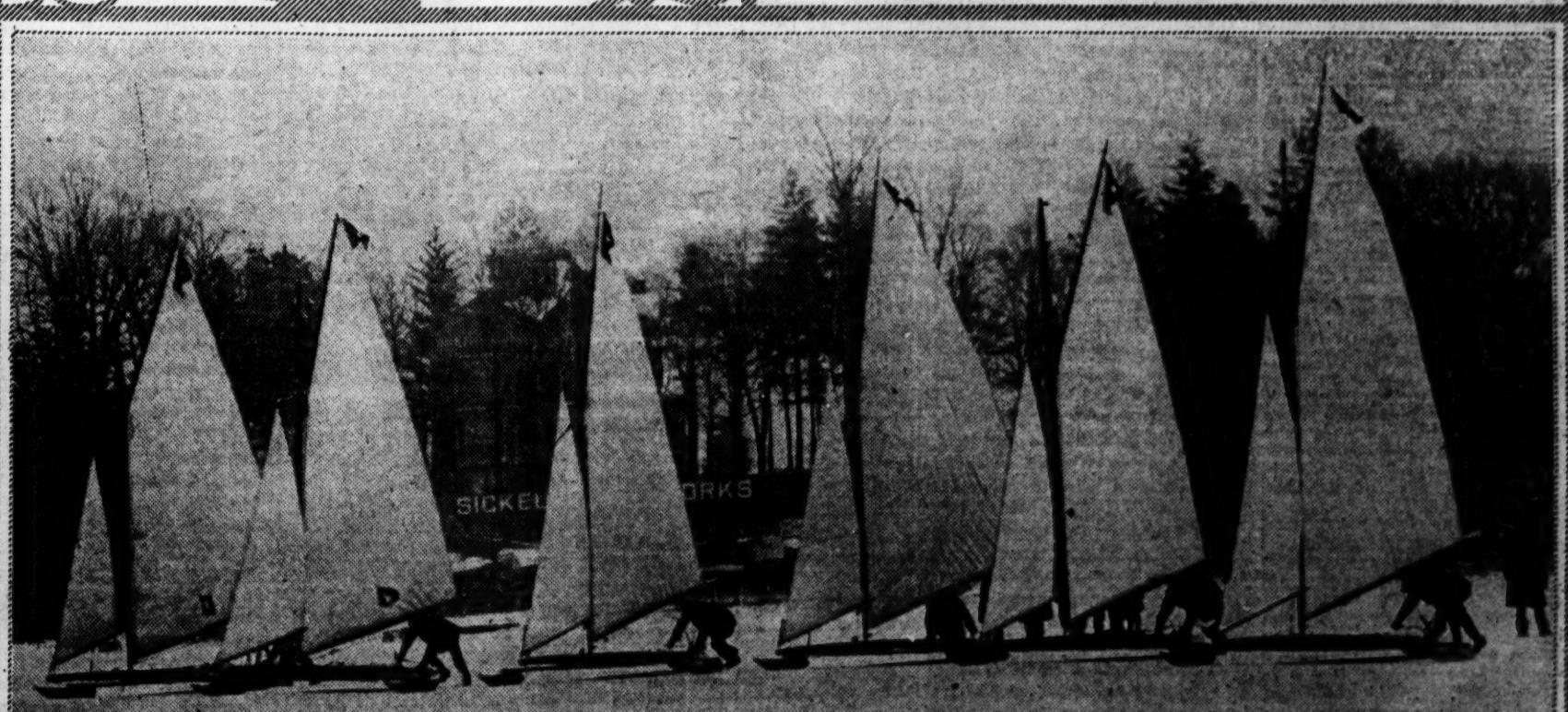
Women of Paris are even working as chimney sweeps, a calling hitherto considered entirely unsuited to them. © U.S.A.



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French soldiers attaching a bomb to an airplane.



These folks call themselves "polar bears," and believe that swimming in icy water and tossing the medicine ball around in the snow are sure health builders. © U.S.A.



The start of an ice yacht race in the east, where this sport is immensely popular... © U.S.A.

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always oppose privileged classes
and public plunderers, never lack
sympathy with the poor, always
raise the standard of public
fare, never be satisfied with merely
printing news, always be
dramatically independent, never be afraid
to attack wrong, whether by predatory
party plutocracy or predatory party.

JOSEPH PULITZER.

April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Thanks to "An American."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
I have been instructed by the members
of the Sanitary Detachment Club, First
Regiment, Missouri Home Guards, to address a vote of thanks to the author of the
letter published in your issue of Dec. 12, 1917, in which he states that the Home
Guards are without overcoats.

We certainly appreciate the good intentions
which prompted you in publicly voicing
your sentiments, for it would be nothing
short of truthful for us to admit that
we need and could use overcoats. However,
we are not complaining, as the cold
has not and will not prevent us attending
our drills, nor answering a call to duty.

The worst hardship we have to bear,
and one that bites deeper than the frost,
is the cold contempt and sneering insults
of some of our fellow-citizens, whose lives
and property we have sworn to protect,
and who usually do everything absolutely
nothing for their country but hide behind the
curtains which suffice. We are therefore
in the better position to appreciate the
good will you express, for your kind words
have supplied us with a degree of
warmth we could never get from an
overcoat.

We thank you, "Mr. American," with
all our hearts.

R. E. PIERCE, Secretary.

Why Not Use China Eggs?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

One of the acts this week at a popular downtown vaudeville house consists of a few tricks in magic performed by a young man which in itself is what one would term "good." However, in the performance of the tricks he uses a small boy from the audience whom he loads with eggs and the boy incidentally succeeds in breaking about a dozen of the eggs thus used.

It seems to me that quite the same effect could be produced by substituting some articles other than eggs or food products in the performance of this trick. The instance cited is typical of similar cases involving waste of various foods on the stage.

A. G. T.

Soldiers Were Well Treated.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
We wish to thank the following residents of St. Louis for the kindness extended us while at the Y. M. C. A.: Mr. Roy W. Whitehill, 3851 Ashland avenue; Mr. T. J. Haley, 3941 Maffitt avenue; Mrs. E. Minish, 4005 Greer avenue; Mr. E. Wilson, 3942 Maffitt avenue; Prof. E. J. Vitz, 3935 Maffitt avenue.

We were treated by these good people for two nights and were delightedly entertained with music and refreshments, good beds and breakfast. No mother or father could treat a boy better than the following members of the Sixteenth Company were treated by these good people: Robert J. Ferguson, McAlester, Ok.; James E. Baker, York, Ill.; Joseph Harrington Superior, Wis.; James Thorpe, Donovan, Ill.; Cleo Earlywine, Palestine, Ill.; Pete A. Friedman, Chicago, Ill.; William P. Baldwin, Tulsa, Ok.; Clarence Williams, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Edward L. Byrne, Burnham, O.; Peter Partman, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Gunnion, McAlester, Ok.; William T. Price, Oklahoma City, Ok.

BY THE BOY WITH THE COLORS.

Palestine and the Jews.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
Palestine, like Mesopotamia, I believe, can gain its last victory by getting large numbers of intelligent, hard-working immigrants. The Russians have shown us that they can live in Palestine with help and guidance from their kinsfolk in the West. It is therefore essential that every opportunity be given to them for the development of the latent resources of the country.

To my mind, as a young man with common sense, it seems extremely foolish to discourage the Jews in general from helping to renew the Holy Land, to which they are bound by ancient ties of religion and sentiment. A Jewish settlement in Palestine would grow rapidly with the support of such a wealthy and influential body; on condition, of course, that order would be maintained by some form of international power.

Following the first war with a Jewish settlement in the Holy Land, under the guidance of England, our allies, and America, the near East would make a great progress. Out of the 12,000,000 Jews in the world, half of them live in Russia and Rumania.

LEWIS NATHAN.

EVILS OF UNPREPAREDNESS.

We hope that Gen. Gorgas' report on congestion in camps and lack of quarantine and hospital accommodations will be a preventive of further ill due to the incompleteness of campments.

A SECRETARY OF MUNITIONS.

We shall not continue to concentrate all our industrial resources on the making of shrapnel long after its inferiority to high-explosive shell in modern warfare has been shown. We shall not duplicate other early blunders of the entente. There will, however, be deficiencies which might be avoided, delays that are unnecessary, errors in estimating the relative importance of needs and assigning priority to essential tasks. The several congressional inquiries in progress will serve no useful purpose unless they suggest an answer to the question how the shortcomings of the past are to be guarded against in the future.

The answer Paris and London found to this question was a Department of Munitions. Can we do better than accept the guidance of their experience?

It must not be supposed that the problems of organization on entrance into the war are the gravest problems for which solutions must be found. The jam at Washington, the terrific pressure on those departments especially charged with the conduct of the war and the transport of troops and supplies may be expected rather to increase as we get into the thick of the fighting and new crises must be met and totally unexpected contingencies must be provided for. After the surprises in many materials accumulated in years of peace shall have been heavily drawn down, a far-seeing sagacity may be required in new directions.

To take from already overburdened department heads responsibility for furnishing the tools with which victory must be shaped—rifles, ordnance, ammunition, multitudinous forms of equipment—may be a measure of prudence. The flow of materials to France when we have a million men there must not only be prodigious but in uninterrupted volume. No such army has ever been provisioned and supplied at such a distance from its national base in all history.

To give the head of such new department, if created, Cabinet rank will be to magnify his task and assure him the authority requisite to success.

SELF-UNSCRAMBLED THEATER TRUST.

The falling out of the Shuberts and Klaw & Erlanger restores the conditions in the amusement world existing prior to five or six years ago and also will make available a mass of new details about the methods of the Theatrical Trust. Doubtless the courts will be too busy repressing the food profiteers to take much cognizance of the stage profiteers and the feature of the sudden unscrambling the public is most interested in is the future rather than the past price of theater seats. Statements as to the combine's profits in some cities indicate that the managers might at least afford to assume the war tax on tickets.

Mark Klaw declares that he regards any new theater built during the last five years as a liability, not an asset. That may be true as to trust theaters presenting standard drama. But a point of some pertinence is that not all the film show theaters built during the last five years are liabilities. Very many of them are valuable assets.

THE VATICAN AND THE PORTE.

The announcement that the Vatican will condemn any efforts on the part of Christian nations to assist the Moslem to recapture Jerusalem is of much greater importance than appears on the surface and may lead to serious trouble between Germany and Turkey.

Jerusalem itself, while of minor military importance, blocks the way to the Suez Canal and Egypt, and as long as the Holy City and its approaches remain in the hands of the allies the Kaiser's dream of striking at Britain through its eastern possessions must remain a dream.

It is not likely that at this stage the Kaiser will defy the Pope and align himself with the Moslem in an effort to reconquer Palestine. The Catholic party in the Teutonic band is too strong to be trifled with. Even the present Premier is a Catholic and a junction of the powerful Centrist party with the Social Democrats would spell the end of Hohenzollernism.

On the other hand, Turkey, which has been pulling German chestnuts out of the fire for three years, is not likely to let Jerusalem pass out of their hands without an effort. Later on it may call on Germany for an army to move on Jerusalem.

We helped you retake Galicia from the Russians and we helped you to drive the Italians from Austria," the Turk will say, "and now we want your assistance to recover our Holy City."

The probabilities are that Germany will prefer offending the Porte to defying the Vatican, which might create a situation with possibilities of disaster to the German alliances.

RAILROAD INEFFICIENCY.

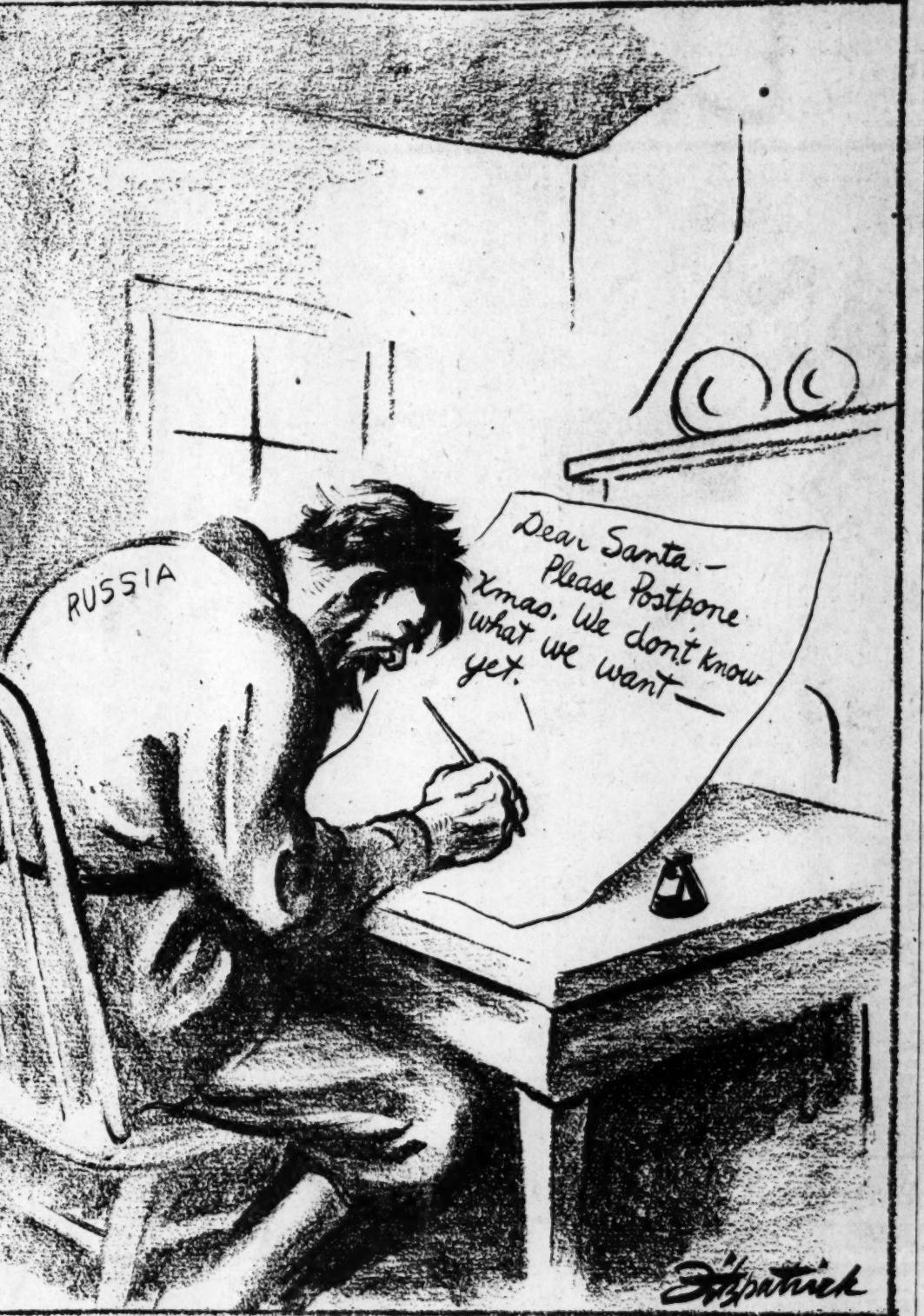
One would think that when St. Louis is threatened with calamity through failure of electrical power, due to lack of fuel, the railroads, which are not equipped, even if they do their best, to transport enough coal to meet the city's needs, would not curtail their service by holding up shipments while theyicker among themselves over the division of the carrying charges. But this appears to have been one of the causes of the critical fuel shortage of the past few days.

The Louisville & Nashville and the Wabash are failing out over the share of the freight rate each should have for its part of the haul. And while they quarreled about it coal cars stood on the East Side tracks and St. Louis did not get the fuel that it sorely needed.

Does Trotsky remember how Danton was one of the first victims, among revolutionary leaders, to be guillotined? How Marat, becoming a public enemy in the eyes of the people, was assassinated because he was supposed to be the chief power behind the guillotine? And how miserably Robespierre died beneath its blade? Terrorism recurred on its advocates, and no supposed service to the state was great enough to save them from the fate they had decreed for others.

Following the first war with a Jewish settlement in the Holy Land, under the guidance of England, our allies, and America, the near East would make a great progress. Out of the 12,000,000 Jews in the world, half of them live in Russia and Rumania.

That history will repeat itself in this instance



APPLICATION FOR ANOTHER ARMISTICE.

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH
by Clark McAdams



INVESTIGATED.

Q. You are the Chief of the Big Gun Division, I believe?

A. I am.

Q. (Exhibiting a picture). Do you know who this is?

A. Yes. It is the Kaiser. (Laughter).

Q. You saw the war coming, didn't you?

A. I am not sure that I did.

Q. Aren't you a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. The son of a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. Great Scott! What are we up against? Aren't you even the seventh son of a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. Zounds! No wonder you didn't see the war coming? (Laughter). Didn't anyone tell you we were going to war?

A. Not definitely. It sometimes seemed like it, and sometimes didn't.

Q. Didn't you see a fortune teller? (Laughter).

That's right! (Turning to the audience): Laugh because we want to be practical in this war, just as the Germans are. (Returning to the witness): Did you see a fortune teller or not?

A. I did not.

Q. Don't you have any Gipseys here along the Potomac? (Laughter).

A. We have some occasionally. I didn't go in much for that sort of thing. (Laughter).

Q. You never saw a medium or any kind of a psychic with a view to finding out whether or not we would go to war? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. You absolutely ignored, at a time when all democracy, including that of our own country, hung in the balance, all physical science, one of the most pressing concerns of our time? (Laughter).

A. It seems so.

Q. I want to make one more test of your qualifications, if any, for the responsible office you hold. I want to determine once and for all whether prescience still has its place in self-preservation, or whether we are to regard danger as something which, like the submarine, has learned to approach us undetected.

A. Very well, what is it?

Q. Do you know who Patience Worth is? (Laughter).

A. I never heard of her. (Laughter).

Q. (Turning to the committee): There you are, gentlemen! A man in high, responsible place who not only did not see the war coming, but absolutely denied himself the employment of all those means by which he might have foreseen it. (Laughter).

Why, gentlemen—we should not only have known that we were going to war, but we should have had our guns and our ammunition piled up on the docks long before our men went down to the sea to sail.

Another Barred Zone for Enemy Aliens

—Orr in the Chicago Tribune

The MIRROR of PUBLIC OPINION

This column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading publicists, newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

NATIONALISM AND LABOR.

From the Chicago Tribune.

HERE is an opposition to the American activities in war which is opposed to nationalism. It denies the value of the efforts being made because it denies the value of the thing for which they are made. It regards the nationalistic emotion as childish, cruel and unscientific, unworthy of beings who order their lives by reason or who consult their intelligence. Labor unions have to deal with one aspect of it. There it presents itself in the form of materialism, alloyed by prejudice, hatred or covetousness. Gangrened mental processes when perceive nationalism as a superstition used by exploiting classes to retard general welfare are constantly encountered by labor organizations.

The loyal unionists who combat these tendencies and use their efforts for the strengthening of nationalism deserve special commendation. The readiness of men engaged, as they believe, in important economic warfare in their daily lives to further believe that the nation can be controlled in its international relations by the class they fight is a factor to be considered. It has influence in forming opinions.

The fight for nationalism in labor organizations is not a trivial or small one and the men who are making it are conspicuous for good service.

Morals and Mathematics.

From the Los Angeles Times.

A MICHIGAN professor, in a plea for the emphasis of arithmetic in the public school curriculum, told the Michigan State Teachers' Association that poor mathematicians are usually good Marxists. "Mathematics," he said, "aside from being a utilitarian subject, has a definite moral significance in the development of character." The psychology of this statement is worthy of consideration by religious and casuists. Mathematics, perhaps comes nearer to being a positive science than any other branch of learning. The study of numbers not only imparts a wholesome scepticism of unproven theories, but develops a passion for accuracy and convinces the student that there are facts in nature which are indisputable. Nietzsche said that convictions are the cause of nearly all persecution and of all wars. That may be true, but it is because the convictions of which he spoke are the convictions of the mob, based upon the teachings of their masters, instead of upon the truth. The world is suffering today not from a lack of convictions, but from erroneous convictions.

GERMAN MUSIC AND PATRIOTISM.

From the Des Moines Capital.

NOW that the question has arisen as whether or not German music should be the word "German" on the consciousness and the consequences naturally growing out of it, we can accept, absorb and promote it in preference to our own view of our duties and responsibilities these times and remain true and loyal patriots.

Are Germans more patriotic than we? Do Germans love their Kaiser more than we love our President? Do Germans love

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By Mildred Lodewick.
CONOMY is as much a fading
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own Christmas gifts before are
joining in sociable hours in which the
long needles fly in and out of the
wool and deft fingers make from
scraps of material dainty gifts.

I am showing several attractive
ones that are easy and simple to
make, and useful, too. Vanity bags
are always acceptable, and this pret-
ty one is made from two flat circles

of cardboard covered with silk which
is gathered into a patty at the center.

This flower may be the plain
yellow, or may be made of ribbon.

A very unique part of this bag
is the two useful accessories, a pos-
ter puff and mirror, which are
backed with the passives. A heavy
wire wound with green ribbon serves as
the stem and holder.

Another acceptable gift would be a
collapsible hat box, made from a
square of cretonne, to which covered
squares are attached on the inside to
make it form a square box when
drawn up at the top.

A LAMP shade is the one pic-
tured of rose silk gathered on
a straight wire frame and slab-
bered with ovals of black velvet
button-holed on, and to which are
applied padded flowers or fruit.

For the boudoir there are any
number of dainty conceits. A pretty
powder holder is made with a sher-
bet glass as a foundation, covered
with pale blue or pink silk, and
trimmed with gold lace. A cover
for it is cut from cardboard, covered
with the silk, to which a mirror is
attached. The guest who powders
her nose will not sprinkle the powder
over the dresser if she lifts this
dainty holder when she uses the
puff.

I am sure any dainty woman
would appreciate the satin ribbon
coverlet case, which keeps all the
overlets together and lends a charm-
ing touch to the boudoir. The mon-
ogram or initial of the recipient em-
broiled in the middle, and tiny
rosebuds placed each side of it add
to the dainty effect. Either six-inch

ribbon or two strips of three-inch
ribbon sewn together may be used for
this gift, with narrower ribbon for
the strings which tie it together at
the sides.

Slipper trees covered with satin
silk are pictured at the upper left,
and a sweetmeat box, a little below it,
which is of tin, painted black,
having flowers from cretonne pasted
on it, and a coating of shellac over
the whole thing. Any woman handy
with a paint brush can make this
decorative box.

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As We Get It, Jess Willard Would Rather Risk His Popularity Than His Title

Willard Declares Red Cross Bout Must Be 10 Rounds, No Decision; No Title at Stake

Jess "Hedges" on Offer, Which Originally Was Given Out as a Championship Affair—Matt Hinkel Offers \$1,000,000 for Show, With Picture Rights.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Jess Willard has fairly been shelled into the bomb-proof by the heavy bombardment of offers from fighters large and small, known and unknown, since he sent up that Red Cross flare, revealing his position in the matter of fighting (in the ring), for the benefit of the service.

Thus far every notoriety-seeking heavyweight (and well-meaning ones, too) able to indite a message has offered his services to Willard as a prospective opponent. The call-back of the "logical candidates" ranges from the Light-heavyweight Billy Miske to the superdreadnaught "Tham" Langford.

Fred Fulton, the most insistent candidate in the field, already had a challenge issued to Jess, dated Nov. 20. The challenge, according to Mike Collins, gave Jess until today to accept, under the threat that Fulton would claim the title.

Scribes to Name Opponent.

As masters now stand, Willard has consented to meet "anybody" and in proof of this is willing, and he has done so in an interview yesterday, to let five representative newspaper men of the country agree as to his rightful rival. This proposition being evidently fair, cannot be objected to by Fulton, of Willard going along with it.

Willard's sincerity seems evident from the interest he is taking in the arrangements. Yesterday he told a reporter:

"When I box, I want ALL the money to go to the Red Cross. No money must appear in this to slice the profits. I want to pick the city in which the contest is to be held. I prefer New York or Chicago, but I understand the laws in both prohibit such a show. I am willing to let a committee of newspaper men name my opponent and also name the site of the battle that's how fair and willing to let the fight date be arranged."

The fight comes off the Red Cross men ought to be in complete charge of the box office and all the details of the business end of the show. The entire proceeds will be theirs."

A development today which threatened to cloud the issue was Willard's insistence that one of the conditions of the bout was that it must be a 10-round affair, with no title at stake.

This was considered a distinct "hedge" over yesterday's interview, which stated that he WOULD defend his title.

Of all the challengers ready to take Willard up on his proposition, Fred Fulton is the only one who really may have a chance. Fulton is fighting often and is showing rare knockout ability. His skill is unquestionable, and he is a man of Willard's height and reach.

Fulton in Prime Condition.

That he weighs only 212 pounds stripped is to his advantage, for Willard has been living a soft life for nearly three years and cannot possibly be at his best at his present weight. Jess is reported to say that he weighs only 200 pounds. This is impossible. He weighed 242 strip-

South Broadway Club Places Ban on Professional Boxing Contests

The South Broadway Athletic Club will not attempt any more professional boxing shows during the remainder of the current year, according to an announcement by Matt Sofka, match maker for the club. Moreover, Sofka's term as matchmaker expires Dec. 28 and he is authority for the statement that the South Broadway club may never again put on professional contests.

At a recent election of officers, Stern, a neighborhood boy, Tom Lederer and Freddie Gilmer were chosen as members of the Athletic Board. One of the three will be designated as chairman and the responsibilities of making up the boxing cards will fall to the new chairman.

Amateur Bouts Only.

This is the position formerly held by Sofka, who was a candidate for re-election as a member of the Athletic Board. However, Sofka says he believes the club will quit the professional boxing game for all time. Amateur contests have been finding favor on the South Side recently and these may supplant the professionals.

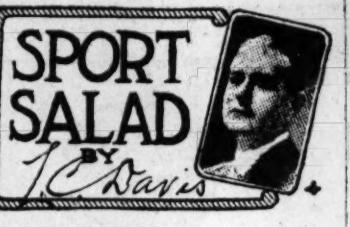
With the Future City closed until January 1, the St. Louis amateur professional boxers will have no chance to display their wares. The South Broadway, with its shows every two weeks, offered the lone remaining channel of employment for the pugilists and with its decision to abandon the cause for the remainder of the year, the local boxing contingent faces the alternative of going to work.

The South Broadway Club has never offered to any extent from professionals to amateur boxers on any one occasion did they have a "one-up" that showed an appreciable profit. That was when Harry Treadall and Sailor Jarabek met about a year ago. Treadall getting 40 per cent of the receipts, which netted him about \$200.

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Stag Books Bouts.

Three matches have been arranged on the amateur boxing card to be staged at the Stag Athletic Club Christmas day afternoon. Werner Collison of the Stag meets Charley Collins of the Southern A. C., in the Americans, enlisted in the army here.



Rickey Scratches J. Hendricks Off List of Managers

Old Friends.

(Cr. Sir W. Scott.)

*The way was long, the wind was cold,
The minstrel was infirm and old;
But not so old, believe me, folks,
As were his old time-honored jokes.*

Old jokes, like wine, improve with age.

Time only adds to their bouquet. They do not briefly hold the stage. Then quickly wither and decay.

The dear old jokes of Billy Rice, Of Barlow, Wilson, Primrose-West. Are fresh as though they'd been on ice.

And never seem to lose their zest.

The merry jokes of yester-year Are fragrant as a summer breeze. In many guises they appear And never have they failed to please.

Bill Shakespeare wrote a raft of plays That fit could equal them in grace; But William, in his palmy days, Was never in Joe Miller's class.

So let the carpent critic sneer And turn up his patrician nose; We'll always lend a willing ear To those familiar jests of Joe's.

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Coach at Washington Scores 23 Points for His Team in 59 to 19 Victory.

HAS NOT MADE CHOICE

PRACTICE IS NEEDED

Vacancy Is Not Worrying Local Executive—"Wouldn't Run From Herzog Deal."

Absence of Captain Kamp Also Hurt Varsity in Contest Played Last Night.

Confident alumni and exulting undergraduates of Washington University who have for the past two weeks boasted about the strength of the Pikeley basketball ball quinet, probably suffered a dampening of their ardor last night. It all came about when a makeshift team of Washington coaches and players of the past and present swamped the varsity five, 59 to 19, on the Francis gymnasium court.

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According to Rickey, Wallace may find work aplenty next season. Despite his years of service, the Scot is still capable of filling the shortstop slot on a par with a lot of fellows down the line, and he is sure to be in the National League. Better still, Bob could step in and take Jack Miller's place at second, providing Bruno Betzel is found wanting in the final analysis.

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AVERAGE OF 43
FOR WEEK'S PLAY**

**MANY NEW LOW RECORDS
ARE SCORED BY STOCKS
IN THE NEW YORK LIST**

Railroad Shares Reflect Severe Selling Pressure
at Declines of One to Two Points
---Bonds Also Lower.

Out Four 250-Point
Bases Matches in 2, 3, 4 and
5 Innings, Respectively.

AT ONE ANGLE CONTE-

**Charley Peterson
ave Other Games, With
High Average of 1.14,**

**Hoppe, the world's best
pitcher, in his last six matches
played with Charley Peterson
and has exhibited some
of his game, he ran 250 points
in 10 innings, having a high
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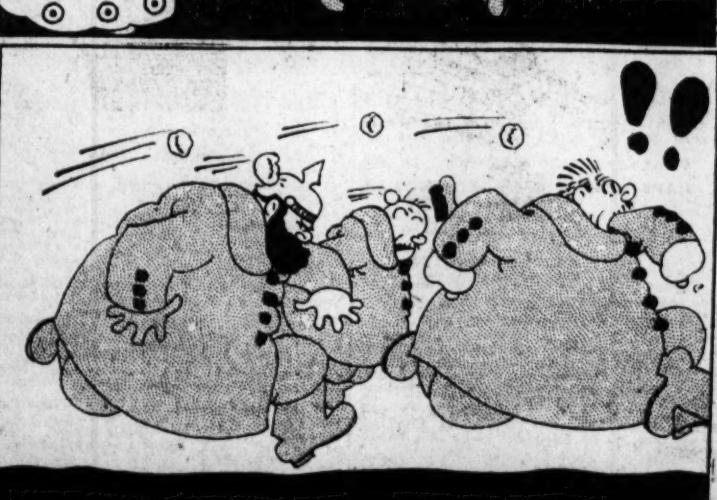
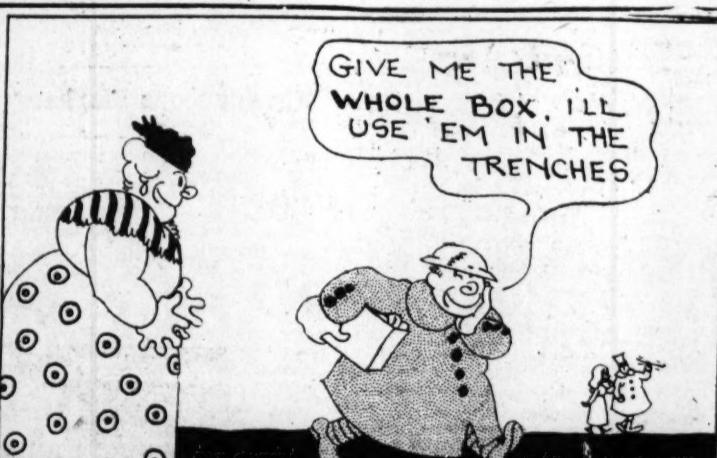
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